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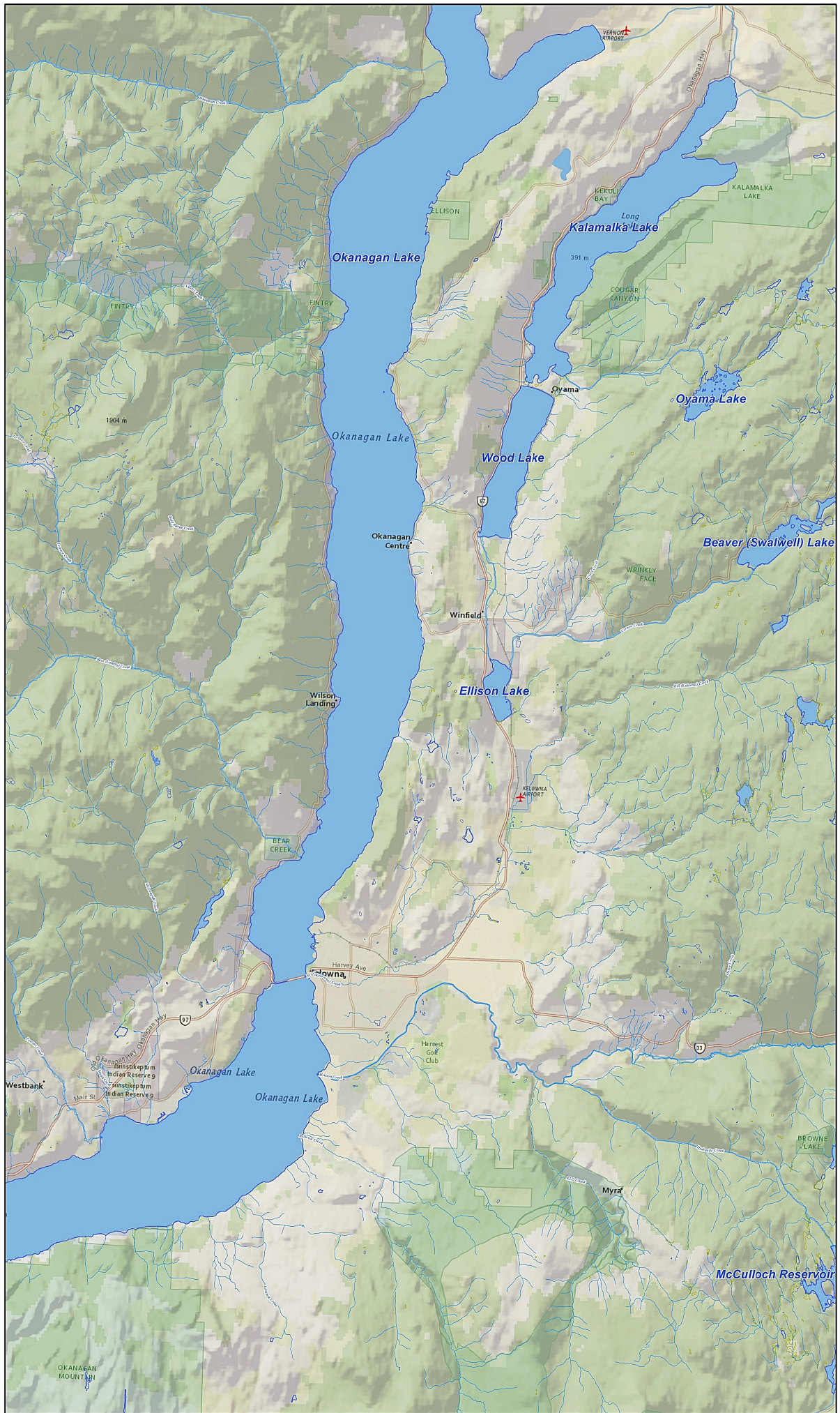


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Introduction

Isolated Burials in the Central Okanagan with Genealogies and Local History was originally planned as a section in a book called Small Cemeteries and Isolated or Individuals Burials. That book will not be published. It was to be the 10th in a series of books of transcriptions of grave markers in cemeteries in the Central Okanagan. Those original nine books in that series were completed in 2013.

Instead, the focus of this project changed and this planned 10th book has expanded to include genealogies and local history for each of the five small cemeteries and the many isolated burials. These six books now encompass a separate series of books:

1. Duck Lake Cemetery with Genealogies and Local History
2. Glenrosa Cemetery with Genealogies and Local History
3. Hardy Family Cemetery with Hardy Family History and Genealogy
4. Isolated Burials in the Central Okanagan with Genealogies and Local History
5. Mission of the Immaculate Conception and Early Settlement in the Central Okanagan
6. Postill Family Cemetery with Postill Family History and Genealogy

Bob Hayes and I did all the research and writing for these six books. Gwen Neil and I created the index for each book. Carolin Robertson was the photographer.

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These books were created to be useful to family historians and those interested in local history. They were not written as an academic study. The sourcing used is not of an academic standard but does indicate where the information can be found. Information found in a paragraph is sourced at the end of that paragraph in the order the facts were presented. For easy reference, we have compiled the list of all the sources at the end of each section or book.

Family members of the people mentioned in these books have been very generous in sharing their family knowledge and photographs. As well, some long-time residents have contributed their stories and insight. We thank them all.

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Early Burials

Not all Central Okanagan burials are in designated cemeteries. A number of burials are in scattered locations. Some are of recent date, while others have been identified as those of First Nations and pioneers.

For thousands of years, the Central Okanagan has been the home of First Nations people. Therefore, many burials took place before written records were kept. Details about names, locations, and dates of these burials are not known.

Some of these early burials were known to local residents. One was a First Nations burial near Okanagan Lake between Tyndall Road and Okanagan Centre Road West. According to life-long Okanagan Centre resident, Rosemary Carter (nee Wentworth), this unmarked First Nations grave was well known. She was told of the grave by local resident, Flora Snowden, who in turn was told about it by Isabelle Long (nee Cooney) who came to the Okanagan in 1926.

According to Rosemary Carter, First Nations people from present-day Washington State frequently travelled through the Central Okanagan. They fished in Okanagan Lake in what is now Siwash Bay, south of present-day Okanagan Centre. On the way to the Okanagan, a chief died. His body was transported to the Central Okanagan on a travois. He was buried at the aforementioned location and his grave was outlined in stones. This grave is remembered to have been near a ravine but is no longer to be found.

Two other local First Nations burials were mentioned on page 42 of "Captain Len's Ferry Tales". Captain Len Hayman stated that he knew where Panther Head and his wife Humingbird were buried. They died after 1904. He said, "There is a sugar pine near her [Humingbird's] burial place. For many years after her death you could hear the bees buzzing there from a great distance. Panther Head was buried there too."

As a frontier area, many burials would have occurred and not been recorded. For many years, in the early to mid-19th century, the Hudson's Bay Brigade Trail on the west side of Okanagan Lake was the route used by fur traders. This trail was rough and dangerous in places and it is reasonable to assume that fatal accidents would have occurred along this trail and burials would have taken place on location. It is unlikely that specific details about these possible burials will ever be located.

Unmarked graves are also likely located at 19th century mining sites. Men panned and mined for gold along Mission Creek as early as the spring of 1860 when the Mission of the Immaculate Conception (now known as the Pandosy Mission) was founded by Father Charles Pandosy and Father Pierre Richard, members of the Oblate Order.

John Williams, an 1870s gold miner, was probably buried near Mission Creek, possibly at the site of his claim. At the time of his death in May 1877, the only local burial ground was at the Roman Catholic Mission of the Immaculate Conception. Other burials were probably at the place of death.

In early April 2015, the Kelowna and District Genealogy Society (KDGS) Cemetery Recording Committee was contacted by Joyce Young of the Vernon and District Family History Society (VDFHS). She had received an enquiry about John W. Williams, a miner, who died in the Okanagan in 1877. The CRC contacted David Collier of the "Friends of Saron" in Wales who had initiated the contact. The "Friends of Saron" is dedicated to cleaning up a local cemetery in Troedyrhiw, Wales and to researching the people buried there. There is a stone in this cemetery that records the death of John W. Williams on May 3, 1877 in the "Ohanacan" in British Columbia.



Photo Credit: David Collier, 12 April 2015

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
OF MARY ANN
DAUGHTER OF JOHN & ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
OF TROEDYRHIW
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
AUG 12 1873 AGED 16 YEARS.
REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE
DAYS OF THY YOUTH WHILE THE EVIL DAYS
SOME NOT NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH WHEN
THOU SHALL SAY I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN
THEM.
COF AM
JOHN W. WILLIAMS
DIWEDDAD O DROEDYRHIW
YR HWN A FU FARW MAI 3 1877
YN 52 MLWYDD OED.
AC A GLADDWYD YN OHANACAN
BRITISH COLUMBIA
TCIYHIWR O DDYN WYT TITHAU – OR BYD
I'R A COD LLE YN NIN AU
Y NOS O HYD SYN NESAU
A DIRWYN MAE DY OR
HEFYD AM Y RHAGDDYWEDEDIG
ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
YR HON A FU FARW AWST. 1 1893
YN 60 MLWYDD OED.
TRIST WEH LLEFAIN A RHOEN NI BYSS MWYACH.

The marker above is located in the graveyard of the former Saron Welsh Independent Chapel, Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales. The inscription was translated by a member of the "Friends of Saron":

In Memory
John W. Williams
Late of Troedyrhiw
He died May 3 1877
At 52 years old
Buried at Ohanacan
British Columbia
You are a travelling man – from the world
To the above place in heaven
The night is drawing nigh
And your hour is coming to an end
Also of the aforesaid
Elizabeth Williams
She died August 1 1893
At 60 years old.
Sadness and tears but no more pain.

Research by David Collier's sister, Sheila Walker, indicates that John W. Williams was married to Elizabeth Morgan c1853 and had at least two children, Mary Ann (born c1858) and William (born c1861). Elizabeth Williams was born c1834, daughter of William and Ann Morgan. [1871 Wales Census: Glamorganshire, Merthyr Tydfil, Troedyrhiw; Class RG10; Piece 5392; Folio 59; Page 23]

Information about John Williams appeared in a contemporary mining report and newspaper article. "The Placier Mines On Cherry and Mission Creeks", written by H.J. Blurton, is on page 17 of the First Annual Report of the Okanagan Historical and Natural History Society. Blurton referred to the Report of the Deputy Minister of Mines which contains the "Report of Gold Commissioner Charles A. Vernon" written on December 18, 1876:

John Williams, an old Caribooite, has run a tunnel into the hill from the creek [Mission Creek] some 60 feet and found a good prospect.

Cornelius O'Keefe, Okanagan pioneer rancher, provided information about mining in the Okanagan to the Victoria "Daily British Colonist". It reported about a miner on Mission Creek recently killed by a cave-in. This article appeared on page 2 of the Friday, May 18, 1877 edition of the "Daily British Colonist". A portion of this article follows:

The Cherry Creek Diggings!
New Strike – A Man Killed – The Crops – Indian Threats.

.... Mining was going on at Mission Creek, where a miner named Williams was crushed to death a few days before Mr. O'Keefe left by a bank of earth falling on him....



Mission Creek near Kelowna, BC, c1940s

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #4616

Chinese miners were also looking for gold in Mission Creek. Fatal accidents inevitably occurred. Burials were probably onsite.

Dan Gallagher, who pre-empted land beside Mission Creek in 1898, recalled the death and burial of a Chinese miner. Nigel Pooley wrote about this death in an article "Dan Gallagher of Gallagher's Canyon" on pages 66 and 67 of the Twenty-ninth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society. According to this article, the Chinese miners had built a large water wheel on Mission Creek near Dan Gallagher's property. This wheel was used to pump water from a deep shaft, which they intended to dig below creek level. In late October, a heavy rainstorm dramatically

raised the level and flow of Mission Creek, washing away the waterwheel. About four in the morning, Dan Gallagher was awakened by voices outside his cabin. The Chinese were trying to recover their water wheel which had caught on a log in the creek near Gallagher's cabin. One of the Chinese miners swam out to the log with a rope, intending to tie it to the water wheel. He was washed away and his body was recovered about a mile downstream. This body was buried in a clearing below Gallagher's place. The owner of this property, a man named Clegg, later had the local Chinese remove the body and bury it elsewhere.

The following article appeared in the Thursday, October 19, 1911 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 2:

A Gruesome Discovery Of Human Remains

While Mr. C. Scroggins [possibly Charles Clifton Scroggins], who lives on the east side of the lake [Okanagan] opposite Peachland, was engaged in building a cellar on Tuesday of last week, he made a rather startling find. He was digging in the hard clay bank behind his house, when he suddenly struck a soft spot, and his shovel rattled against something. Reaching in with his hand he encountered and brought forth to light a human skull. A little investigation revealed the entire skeleton. Face downward, with grisly limbs huddled together, lay almost the entire framework. An examination by your representative, who happened to be present, showed that the skeleton, from the shape of the skull, and other details, was probably that of a white man, of medium size. Part of the spinal column was missing, and some of the smaller bones were almost petrified, so there is no doubt it had been buried many years, probably at least thirty. The presence of soft top soil surrounding the bones, and their attitude, indicated a hasty burial, by human hands. There was a very slight mark or dent on the frontal bone of the cranium.

The man may have died from natural causes, may possibly have been cast up a corpse on the beach by the waves of the lake closeby and hurriedly given burial by some passing pioneer. And yet again, that little heap of bones, thrown so carelessly, with face downward, into a deep and narrow resting-place, not over four feet in length, might be more testimony of some long forgotten crime. More than one man disappeared on the old Penticton trail in the early days, when the Okanagan Valley was but a name and this old Indian trail, now almost impassible in places, was thronged with pioneers and pack-trains.

Charles Clifton Scroggins was a local rancher. When he married Ellen Elizabeth Bowler, at Kelowna, on September 24, 1913, his residence was listed as "Peachland, B.C." [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1913-09-142171*]

Another example of the discovery of an unmarked grave appeared on page 1 of the Thursday, October 1, 1931 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist":

Skeleton Unearthed On Guisachan Farm

Bones Of Man Discovered At Depth Of Five Feet

While digging on Guisachan Farm on Monday, Mr. G.D. Cameron unearthed the complete skeleton of a man, which had evidently been buried on the ranch for a number of years. It was uncovered at a depth of about five feet, and there were deposits of charcoal around it. Whether or not it is the skeleton of an Indian or

white man has not been determined, and Mr. Cameron has no theory to offer as to how it got there.

Provincial Police examined the skeleton, which is still at Guisachan, but the circumstances under which it was interred remain a mystery.

Pioneers were often buried on their property. Exact locations for many of these graves – including several near the Westbank townsite and a number in Ellison district – are not known and probably never will be. Information about some of these burials was provided years after the deaths occurred. We must remember that errors – about names, dates, and places – can happen.

On page 99 of his unpublished memoirs, Ellison pioneer Thomas Carney, described some early burials. [Carney, Tom. *Memoirs of Tom Carney*. Unpublished, 1979]

Before we had a cemetery [cemetery] going near Kelowna there was no place to bury the deceased except in the Mission plots which was Roman Catholic. In the Ellison district we have [have] them buried on the Carney Range west of the airport. Names unknown. We have quite a few of the Postill family buried on the original Postill Ranch, on a knoll in the center of their meadow on a slight rise of ground on the old Jones property. Now the lot that Melinchuk [Melnichuk] has there are Mr. Jones, the original preemptor [pre-emptor], Mr. Simpson who was Mrs. Jones' dad, an infant Spencer of the original Spencer family on the old Whelan Ranch known later as "Cloverdale". We have two Whelan infants buried south of the Old Vernon and Anderson Roads where we find the grave of Scotty McInnes [Donaldson] in an orchard on the brow of the hill overlooking his old holdings taken up in the seventies after putting in a stint in the Cariboo. Our Scotty Creek as well as a Scotty [Scottie] Creek Cariboo are named after him. Us kids from school built a cairn on his grave, now demolished. We toddle along south and on the west side of the Old Vernon Road on the late Mr. [Joseph Ferman (Frank) Bell] Bell's place we find the grave of the "Man-Eater", we never did hear his name, an odd character who lived in a dug out in the hill and worked a bit haying on the Simpson Ranch when my dad had it rented. The reason for the Man-Eater moniker [moniker] was on account of him eating his partner after being lost for a week on the way coming over to the Mission Creek diggings when the Rock Creek and Grand Forks Mines played out. He died in his dugout so the neighbours filled it in and there he is.

This is only a partial list of isolated and single burials in rural Central Okanagan locations. It is, of course, not possible to know how many more graves await discovery. In recent years, many memorial benches and plaques have been placed in various locations such as parks, the Mission Creek Greenway, and the Kettle Valley Railway hiking trail. These are not included in this publication.

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The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS acknowledges the late Tom Carney for providing a list of burials in Ellison district. We also thank Joyce Young of the VDFHS for contacting the CRC about John Williams' death and providing contact information for David Collier. Thanks also to David Collier of "Friends of Saron" for information about John Williams' death and for the photograph of his memorial marker in Wales. We acknowledge Sheila Walker for the information about John W. Williams' wife and children in Wales.

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Mission Creek near Kelowna, BC, c1910

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #8338

Beaver Lake

Included in this section are:

- Eckhart, Robert Leonard
- Hay, Florence Leslie

ECKHART, Robert Leonard: (1947 – 1993)

Location: This marker is located on private property beside Beaver Lake Road in the hills to the east of District of Lake Country.

Transcription: Our Friend / Oct. 22, 1993 / Bob Eckhart

Biographical Information: Robert (Bob) Eckhart lived in Winfield, BC where he worked as a meat cutter. According to his BC Death Registration, Robert Leonard Eckhart was born January 16, 1947 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. His parents were listed as Herald Eckhart and Elvira Viergutz, both born in Canada. His wife Kelma Marie Eckhart (nee Siemens) was the informant. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics [not microfilmed], Registration #1993-09-021014]*

The following obituary appeared in the Monday, October 25, 1993 edition of the "Daily Courier", page A2:

ECKHART, ROBERT – Bob has gone on his long journey to the land of no pain. Bob a resident of Winfield passed away Friday, October 22nd, 1993, at the age of 46 years. He had suffered a painful battle with cancer. Bob will be lovingly missed by his caring wife, Kelma, 2 sons.... A Special Farewell will be held for Bob at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 26th, at Fir Valley.... The Eckhart family wish to express heartfelt thanks to Tim Melnichuk and to the best boss, Wim....



Photo Credit: Bob Hayes, 16 September 2013

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The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS thanks Ronald Taylor for identifying and locating this burial site.

Sources

Grave marker transcribed and photographed by a KDGS member

"Daily Courier", October 25, 1993, page A2 (Obituary: Robert Eckhart)

British Columbia Vital Statistics: <www.royalmuseum.bc.ca>

Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993021014.jpg, Reg. #1993-09-021014

HAY, Florence Leslie: (1908 – 1947)

Location: This plaque is located beside Beaver Lake Road in the hills to the east of District of Lake Country.

Transcription: HAY / Florence Leslie / 1908 – 1947

Biographical Information: Florence Leslie Hay, known as "Tim", was born July 1, 1908 in London, England. Her parents were Captain Adam Hay, born in New Zealand, and Florence Ward, born in England. Florence Leslie Hay came to Kelowna in 1935 and lived in Okanagan Mission. She suffered from ill health for many years and died at Kelowna, February 15, 1947. Her body was cremated and her ashes were probably scattered or deposited at the site of the plaque. [Don Ford] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13193, Registration #1947-09-002550]

Florence Hay was survived by her brother William Dean Hay (1907 - July 2, 1996) of Okanagan Mission (Kelowna). [Thomson, Brenda. *The Genealogy and Some History of The People Buried in St. Andrew's Cemetery*. Unpublished, 2002]

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, February 20, 1947 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 7:

FLORENCE LESLIE HAY

Passed away at the Kelowna General Hospital, February 15th, Florence Leslie Hay in her 38th year. She had resided in the district for the past 12 years, coming here from England. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 18th, at the Anglican Church, Okanagan Mission, at 1:30 p.m., Ven. Archdeacon D.S. Catchpole officiating. Remains were forwarded to Vancouver for cremation. She is survived by her mother in England, a brother, W.D. Hay, Okanagan Mission, and a cousin, Bill Thompson, of Beaver Lake.



Florence Leslie Hay grave marker near Beaver Lake Road, Kelowna

Photo Credit: Charley Adam, c2000



Florence Hay in front of her home on Collett Road,

Okanagan Mission, Kelowna, BC, c1940

Photo Credit: Jane Nouwen (nee Hay)

Acknowledgements

The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS thanks Charley Adam for information about the Hay grave. We also thank Don Ford for additional information about Florence Hay and for contacting Jane Nouwen (nee Hay) who provided a photograph and additional information about her aunt, Florence Leslie Hay.

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Grave marker photographed by Charley Adam

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"Kelowna Courier", February 20, 1947, page 7 (Obituary: Florence Leslie Hay)

British Columbia Vital Statistics: <www.royalmuseum.bc.ca>

Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13193, Registration #1947-09-002550

The Commonage

Included in this section is: Cary, Joseph

CARY, Joseph: (c1823 – 1901)

Location: This grave is located on the ranch of Joseph Cary's son on the Commonage, south of Vernon, BC. The precise location is not known. [*"Vernon News", October 17, 1901, page 5 (Obituary: Joseph Cary)*]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, October 17, 1901 edition of the "Vernon News", page 5:

The death occurred on Tuesday morning [October 15] of Joseph Cary, who passed away at his son's [Albert Cary] ranch on the Commonage. The deceased had reached the ripe age of 78 years, and quietly fell before the grim reaper after a very short and comparatively painless illness. He was a native of Somersetshire, England, and had been about seven years in this province. He expressed a wish to be buried on the ranch, and the interment took place there yesterday afternoon.

Joseph Cary's Crown grant is recorded on page 60 of Irrigation is King. His crown grant #455/152 was filed on July 8, 1897. It consisted of 157.5 acres, SW ¼ Section 6, Township 10, and was located on the east side of Oyama. [*Ellison, Ken. Irrigation is King. Vernon, BC: Greater Vernon Museum and Archives, 2000*]

Information about the pre-emption of Albert Cary, Joseph Cary's son appears on page 68 of Where The Grass Is Always Browner On The Other Side Of The Fence: A History of The Okanagan Commonage:

John 'Jack' S. Bailey was a cattle rancher and had acquired the Spence land...and house in 1935 and that 300 acres became part of the Bailey Ranch, which grew to 2,030 acres. Other Jack Bailey acquisitions included: the NW 1/4, Sec. 6, Twp. 13 (160) acres which Albert Carey [Cary] had pre-empted in 1897....

The 1901 Canada Census, British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan District lists Joseph Cary, male, head, widowed, born January 15, 1829, England. He was a farmer and came to Canada in 1898. [*1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 53*]

The 1901 Canada Census lists another Cary family headed by Albert Cary. He and his wife Fanny (nee Nurse) were married at Lambeth, London, England in 1877. This census indicated that Albert Carey and family originally immigrated to Canada in 1885. [*1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 8; Family 73*] [*Free BMD*]

Cary, Albert J.	born January 28, 1853	England	Church of England	farmer
Cary, Fanny	born January 6, 1857	England	Church of England	
Cary, Herbert J.	born August 20, 1882	England	Church of England	
Cary, Albert G.	born March 25, 1884	England	Church of England	
Cary, Joseph	born November 10, 1886	USA	Church of England	
Cary, Annie	born February 9, 1889	USA	Church of England	
Cary, Helen	born December 15, 1890	USA	Church of England	
Cary, Margaret	born February 8, 1892	USA	Church of England	
Cary, Fred	born October 6, 1894	USA	Church of England	

A second Albert Cary is listed in the same area. He is married with two sons: Ernest (born 1884) and Joseph (born 1886). Perhaps Albert Cary and his family had two homes, one on the Commonage and one in nearby Vernon. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 28]

Cary, Albert J.	born January 25, 1856	England	Church of England	farmer
Cary, Ernest	born March 25, 1884	England	Church of England	
Cary, Joseph	born November 7, 1886	USA	Church of England	

In the 1921 Canada Census, Albert John Cary, wife Fanny, and two sons were living in Alberta. [1921 Canada Census: Alberta, Lethbridge; Page 1]

Additional information about three of the children of Albert J. Cary and Fanny Nurse follows:

- Ernest Albert Cary: born March 25, 1883 in London, England; died in Vancouver on December 15, 1953; married Ida Catherine Piercy. The informant, his son Norman Cary, stated that his father's parents were John Albert Cary and Fanny Nurse, both born in England. Ernest Albert Cary worked as a factory foreman for BC Brush Company. He lived for 69 years in Canada and in BC for 33 years. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13218, Registration #1953-09-011893]
- Annie Cary: born c1889 in Washington, USA; daughter of Albert and Fanny Cary; married William Stuart Thompson in Vernon, BC on January 2, 1907. William Thompson, a contractor, was born c1871 in Campanians, South America. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1907-09-167980]
- Margaret Cary: born February 8, 1892 in USA; died at Vernon, BC on October 29, 1903 of appendicitis. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13110, Registration #1903-09-197143]

The Commonage

The Commonage, south of present-day Vernon, was set aside in the late 1870s for use by residents as a pasture for their animals. Later, in the early 1890s, parcels of the Commonage were sold off for private use. [Price, D. John. Where The Grass Is Always Browner On The Other Side Of The Fence: A History Of The Okanagan Commonage. Kelowna: Kettle Valley Publishing, 2008]

The following article appeared in the Thursday, May 26, 1892 edition of the "Vernon News":

The Commonage

The announcement that it is the intention of the British Columbia government to have the Commonage between Okanagan and Long [Kalamalka] lakes surveyed into townships, with the idea of throwing either the whole or portions open for settlement, will, we believe, be received with satisfaction by the people of this section. A great deal of misunderstanding has existed regarding the legal status and ownership of this tract of land, and the information contained in the extracts from letters on the subject published in this issue of the NEWS will doubtless be a great surprise even to many of the oldest residents of these valleys. The character of the land contained in the commonage is too well known locally to need description. It is commonly stated to be fit for little else than grazing for cattle and horses, but though this assertion is certainly correct with regard to the greater portion of the twenty-four odd thousand acres it contains, still it is equally certain that in many parts patches of considerable size are to be found which are not only well worth cultivating but are very choice spots indeed. There is, moreover, a quantity of timber land and the whole foreshore on both lakes is picturesque in the extreme; scores of locations are to be found which can safely

be declared as being valuable for building purposes, if solely for that reason. A great deal also consists of bench land, such as has been proved beyond doubt to be capable of producing the finest crops. The whole of this Commonage has been greatly over-stocked and its utility for grazing purposes – except as a summer pasturage – much diminished. When acquired by private individuals and fenced, the grass will gradually recover.

A school was started on the Commonage in 1898. It was a log structure with a shake roof and furnished with handmade desks. This school closed its doors in 1912, when it no longer had the requisite seven students. In 1975, this school building was given to Paddlewheel Park at Okanagan Landing to be preserved as a historic building. [Price, D. John. Where The Grass Is Always Browner On The Other Side Of The Fence: A History of The Okanagan Commonage]

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The Commonage, c1895
Overlooking the Commonage near the Johnson family farm

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #9149



Hay barn and windmill on the Johnson family farm on the Commonage, c1895

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #9145



Bringing in the hay on the Johnson family farm on the Commonage, c1895

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #9158



Riding to the hounds on the Commonage, c1900

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #5555



Bill Fleming ranch and orchard on the Commonage, c1919

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #3224

Duck Lake Area

Included in this section are:

- DuBrett, Stuart
- Stewart, Agnes (nee McDougall)
 - McDougall family
 - McKinley family

DuBRETT, Stuart: (1952 – 1993)

Location: This grave is located north of Duck Lake. It is in Winfield Indian Band Cemetery west of Jim Bailey Road and south of Beaver Lake Road.

Transcription: Stuart / DuBRETT / Jan 24/52 / Aug 15/93

Biographical Information: Stuart DuBrett was born January 24, 1952 in Kelowna. His parents were Abraham DuBrett and Clara Lizard, both born in Vernon. He worked in construction. His wife was Edna Madeline Terbasket. Stuart DuBrett died in an accident on August 15, 1993 and was buried in Winfield Indian Band Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993016297.jpg]*

The following obituary appeared in the Tuesday, August 17, 1993 edition of the "Daily Courier", page A2:

DuBRETT – Stuart DuBrett passed away August 15, 1993 at the age of 41 years. He was predeceased by his father Abraham in 1983. He is survived by his loving wife Edna, his mother Clara DuBrett, two daughters Sheridan and Tracy, five brothers Alex, Rocky, Jordon, Barney and Chad all of Winfield: four sisters: Hannah Vedan of Vernon, Anita White of North Vancouver, Marilyn Williams of Winfield, Sandra DuBrett of Hawaii, several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service will be held Thursday August 19, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Swalhal [Swalwell] Park in Winfield. Interment at Winfield Indian Band Cemetery.

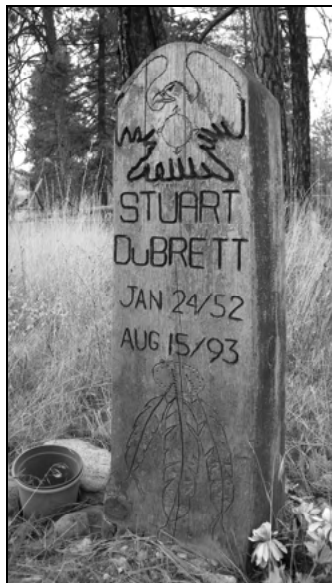


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Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993016297.jpg, Registration #1993-09-016297

STEWART, Agnes (nee McDougall): (1918 – 1994)

Location: This grave is located north of Duck Lake. It is in Winfield Indian Band Cemetery west of Jim Bailey Road and south of Beaver Lake Road.

Transcription: Agnes STEWART (nee McDOUGALL) / Born June 21, 1918 / Died September 2, 1994

Biographical Information: In October 2012, Shirley Louis, McDougall family historian, provided information about this burial. Agnes McDougall was the only child of Okanagan pioneers Angus Alexander McDougall and Molly McKinley. *[Shirley Louis]*



Angus Alexander McDougall, father of Agnes Stewart (nee McDougall)

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Angus Alexander McDougall was born c1896 in Alvaston (now District of Lake Country), BC son of David McDougall and Terese Christine Couture. He died April 3, 1930 in Quesnel, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13141, Registration #1930-09-448564]*

On May 11, 1917, Angus McDougall married Molly McKinley at Vernon, BC. She was born July 8, 1898 in the Central Okanagan. Her parents were John Black McKinley and Jane Martin. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718]*

Molly McKinley and Angus McDougall divorced and Molly remarried on May 11, 1925 to Nolan Fisher. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13750, Registration #1925-09-294555]*

Agnes McDougall had a son, David Swordy, by her first husband whose name is not known. She later married Nelson Stewart and they lived at Winfield, BC. Agnes and Nelson Stewart had no children. Agnes Stewart died September 2, 1994. *[Shirley Louis]*

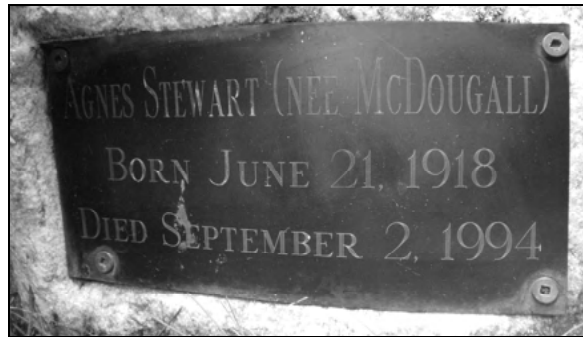


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Interview (Bob Hayes, Susan Campbell) with Shirley Louis, October 28, 2014

Telephone interview (Bob Hayes) with Shirley Louis, October 2012 and subsequent conversations

Agnes Stewart (nee McDougall) had very deep roots in the Central Okanagan. Her father's family, the McDougalls, came to the Okanagan c1861. Her mother's family, the McKinleys, settled in the Okanagan c1893. Both are well-known pioneer families.

The McDougall Family

Agnes Stewart's father, Angus Alexander McDougall, was born in the Central Okanagan in 1893, son of David McDougall and Terese Christine Couture. On May 11, 1917, at Vernon, BC, he married Molly McKinley, daughter of Okanagan pioneers John Black McKinley and Jane Elizabeth Martin. Angus Alexander McDougall died at Quesnel, BC on April 3, 1930. He was buried at Winfield, BC (Duck Lake Cemetery) on April 6, 1930. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13131, Registration #1930-09-448564]

David Joseph McDougall, Agnes Stewart's paternal grandfather, was born at Victoria, BC between 1854 and 1857. He married Terese Christine Couture on January 27, 1873. David Joseph McDougall died in Kelowna on April 16, 1936 at the age of 86. Terese McDougall died in Kelowna on July 22, 1938. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13156, Registration #1936-09-513296] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13162, Registration #1938-09-544354]

John Baptiste McDougall, Agnes Stewart's great grandfather, was an early pioneer in the Central Okanagan. He was born at Fort Garry, Manitoba on June 17, 1827. At the age of 16, John McDougall entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. He and his wife Amelia (nee Topa) and their eldest children came to the Central Okanagan c1861. They had 10 sons; two of their sons – Joseph Norbert McDougall and John McDougall – died young and were probably buried in Mission of the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Kelowna. The eight McDougall sons who survived were Alexander, Enneas, David, Henry, Edward, Amab, Lizim, and Norbab (also known as Urban). [Louis, Shirley. *We Heard it In the Bushes: The Story of the McDougalls: A Pioneering Okanagan Family*. Calgary: The Word is Out Press, 1996, page 2]

For extensive information about John Baptiste McDougall and family, please see the West Side of Okanagan Lake section of this book.

Three generations of the McDougall family were listed in the 1881 Canada Census. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan Division; Pages 12 and 13; Family 78]

McDougall, John	55 years old	born Manitoba	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Amelia	46 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Alexander	30 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Margaret	22 years old	born BC	Catholic	[wife of Alexander]
McDougall, Enneas	28 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, David	24 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Terese	20 years old	born US	Catholic	[wife of David]
McDougall, David	6 years old	born BC	Catholic	[son of David]
McDougall, Virginia	1 year old	born BC	Catholic	[daughter of David]
McDougall, Henry	20 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Edward	17 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Amab	12 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Lizim	10 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Norbab	8 years old	born BC	Catholic	

Ten years later, the David McDougall family was listed in the 1891 Canada Census. [1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Okanagan Mission; Page 2; Family 8]

McDougall, David	37 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Christina	33 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, David	15 years old	born BC	Catholic	farm labourer

McDougall, Virginia	9 years old	born BC	Catholic
McDougall, Elizabeth	6 years old	born BC	Catholic
McDougall, Isidore	4 years old	born BC	Catholic

David McDougall and his family were not found on the 1901 Canada Census.



David Joseph McDougall, Terese McDougall (nee Couture),
Emily Louise Bailey (nee McDougall), unidentified woman, unidentified man; undated

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

Angus McDougall was listed in the 1911 Canada Census with his mother Christine (usually known as Terese) and three siblings, living on Duck Lake First Nations Reserve #7. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo; Page 10; Family 108]

McDougall, Christine	53 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougall, Isidore	23 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Angus	18 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Oliver	17 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougall, Emily Louise	15 years old	born BC	Catholic	

In her book We Heard it in the Bushes (pages 26 - 28), McDougall family historian Shirley Louis (nee Miller) wrote about the David McDougall branch of the family:

The third eldest son [of John Baptiste McDougall and Amelia Topa] was David, born between 1854 and 1857 in Victoria. David married Terese Couture on January 27, 1873. Terese was the daughter of "Couture and an Indian woman, Louise." It is believed that Couture came from Quebec and then Montana. In 1913, the Royal Commission was inquiring about Indian lands and half breeds living on Reserves. At the time, David and Terese were living on the Duck Lake Indian Reserve at Winfield, and were one such couple who were being questioned as to their right to occupy reserve land. During the inquiry, Enoch, an Okanagan Indian, testified that he married the widowed Louise and adopted Terese and this gave her the right to the property at Duck Lake and Priest Valley [Head of the Lake] Reserve. In the end, however, David and Terese were made to leave and I have mentioned this inquiry only to try and establish Terese's background. It is within this same testimony that David said his mother, Amelie, was an Indian of Okanagan Shuswap origin; he also added that he was born at Cedar Hills, Victoria.

Before residing at Duck Lake, David had taken up land at Scotty Creek in the Ellison area between Winfield and Kelowna. The land was previously pre-empted by a man known as John McInnes [Donaldson] who was probably dubbed "Scotty" because the creek was later named Scotty Creek. Later [c1890], David sold this property to pioneers, Joseph Christien and John Conroy, and moved to Duck Lake Indian Reserve. The large two storey log house at Scotty Creek [Ellison], built by David, was moved from this property to the Father Pandosy Historical Park in Kelowna's Mission area in 1971.

David and Terese were married at the Mission and since they lived at Duck Lake during the following years, it is possible that their children were born either there or at Scotty Creek. Their children were Virginia, Elizabeth, David Samuel, Isadore [Isidore], Angus, Oliver, Julia and Emily Louise. Virginia married Alphonse Chartrend [Chartrand], fittingly dubbed Uncle Happy because of his obvious good nature and friendly smile. Elizabeth wed James Steele from the Fort Steele family and had four children. David Samuel married Nancy, the grand daughter of a Penticton Chief and had five children. After Nancy's death he fathered a daughter, Martha, with Rosie Sanford of Vernon. Isadore, David's second son, married Theresa Ashton nee Adamson, from Vernon, and together they had two daughters. Later Isadore had two more children with an American woman, then returned to live with Theresa. Angus married Molly McKinley and produced one child [Agnes]. Oliver, or Boss, married widow Elizabeth Fowingerman, a hardworking German widow with three children from her first marriage and together, they had seven more. Julia married Edward (Mickey) Derickson of Westbank and had 12 children, while my grandmother, Emily Louise, married James Alvin [Alverni] Bailey of Westwold, a small village between Kamloops and Vernon, and also had 12 children.

Many family stories reflect the spirit of David and Terese's household. The older members of the family spoke three languages – French, English and the Okanagan language. Serious matters were discussed in either Okanagan or French to keep the children from knowing the various "mysterious secrets" discussed by the elders. At various celebrations, which were always held even if there was no reason for celebrating, all three languages flowed off their tongues as easily as the present sweet wine and ale was imbibed.

Additional information about the hunting and packing skills of the McDougall family is found on pages 240 - 241 of The Valley of Youth by C.W. Holliday.

The McDougalls were respected locally for their skills in building log structures and their hunting and guiding abilities. There are many McDougall descendants still living in the Central Okanagan.

McDougall Creek and McDougall Ridge are named after this pioneer family.

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The McKinley Family

Agnes McDougall's mother, Molly McKinley, was probably born in the Central Okanagan c1898, daughter of John Black McKinley and Jane Martin. Her birth record has not been found. [Shirley Louis]

Molly McKinley married Angus Alexander McDougall, son of David McDougall and Terese Christine Couture, on May 11, 1917 at Vernon, BC. The marriage of Molly McKinley and Angus McDougall ended in divorce. According to Shirley Louis in We Heard it in the Bushes, Angus and Molly McDougall only had one child, Agnes. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718]

Molly McDougall (nee McKinley) remarried on May 11, 1925 at Vernon to Nolan Fisher, son of Bird Fisher and Laura Thompson. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13750, Registration #1925-09-294555]

It is not known how long this marriage lasted or if there were children of this marriage. When Nolan George Fisher died on November 19, 1981 in Surrey, BC, he was survived by his wife Margaret Louise Palmer. His son, Arthur N. Fisher, was the informant. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13616, Registration #1981-09-018899]

In the 1948 obituary of Molly's mother, Jane McKinley, Molly was referred to as "Mrs. Molly Devers, Kamloops". It is unknown when Molly died or if she had any children other than Agnes. ["Kelowna Courier", Thursday, January 8, 1948, page 4]

The John Black McKinley Family

Molly McKinley's parents were John Black McKinley and Jane Martin. The obituaries of this couple were very helpful in identifying their children. This family has been difficult to research because of few or conflicting records. Some of this couple's children were identified by differing

names on different census records. Birth dates also varied. There were marriage breakdowns for several of these children.

John Black McKinley died February 5, 1932 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13144, Registration #1932-09-467322]*

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, February 11, 1932 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 5:

Mr. John Black McKinley

One of the oldest residents of Kelowna, both in point of years and period of residence, passed away on Friday, Feb. 5th, in the person of Mr. John Black McKinley, at his residence on Bernard Avenue. His age was reputed to be ninety-two, but an entry in an old family Bible showed it to be five years less, as he was born at Cobourg, Ontario, in 1845.

Following the occupations of farming and prospecting practically all his life, Mr. McKinley moved to the United States when a comparatively young man, locating eventually at Dayton, Washington, where he spent ten years. He left there in 1893, travelling in a covered wagon, and settled in the Kelowna district. After a couple of years spent in various sections of the valley, he finally homesteaded at the place since known as McKinley's Landing, about six miles north of Kelowna, on the east side of Okanagan Lake, and he made his home there until about five years ago, when he moved into town. He had been in failing health for the past two or three years and the end came peacefully.

Mr. McKinley was married twice and is survived by his second wife and a large family of six sons and six daughters, besides several who predeceased him. Those surviving include: Thomas and Ernest, at Kamloops, William and Leo [George], in Washington, Fred and Harold, in Kelowna, Mrs. Switzer, in Ontario, Mrs. F. Smith, in Washington, Mrs. G. Peterson, in Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. W.H. Spencer, Mrs. J. Gammie and Mrs. J. Fisher, in Kelowna.

The funeral was held on Monday to the Kelowna Cemetery from the undertaking parlours of the Kelowna Furniture Co., Rev. A.K. McMinn officiating. The pall bearers were: Messrs. A. Day, Thomas Murray, James Murray, M.J. Curts, J. Gammie, and E.E. Daymer.

Jane McKinley (nee Martin) died January 1, 1948 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13196, Registration #1948-09-001181]*

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, January 8, 1948 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 4:

Mrs. Jane McKinley

A resident in the district for the past 50 years died in Kelowna General Hospital on New Year's Day. She was Mrs. Jane McKinley, 84 years of age. Her husband, John Black McKinley, was one of the pioneers in the district and McKinley's Landing was named after him. Mr. McKinley died in 1932.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. McKinley was conducted on Monday, January 5, by Rev. M.W. Lees and burial was in the family plot, Kelowna cemetery. Pall bearers were: Bob Booth, Jack Scott, Jack Jennens, Harry Pollard, Jim Gowenlock, G. McDonnell [Macdonnell].

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Grace Peterson, Tacoma; Mrs. Florence Gammie, Kelowna; Mrs. M. Houston [Huston], Kelowna; and Mrs. Molly Devers, Kamloops; and four sons, Tom, Kootenays; George, U.S.A.; Fred, Glenmore, and Harold, in Vancouver. One sister, Sarah, and two sons, Ernest and Robert, predeceased her some time ago.



Jane and John McKinley, undated

Photo Credit: Joan Schemley, 02 April 2015

John Black McKinley was born in Ontario, c1845 in Cobourg, Ontario. His parents were Thomas and Jane McKinley, both born in Ireland: Thomas McKinley was born c1820 and Jane was born c1821. [1861 Canada Census: Canada West, Durham, Hope; Film C-1017; Page 90] [1871 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington, Luther; Roll C-9950; Page 64; Family 221]

John Black McKinley married his first wife, Anne McArthur, on February 3, 1868 in Luther Township, Wellington County, Ontario. Anne's parents were Archibald and Janet McArthur. [Archives of Ontario; Marriage Registration: MS 248, Reel 17]

John Black McKinley, his wife Anne, and family appeared on the 1871 Canada Census in Luther, Ontario. John was listed as a farmer. [1871 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther; Roll C-9950; Page 66; Family 229]

McKinley, John	24 years old	born Ontario	Wesleyan Methodist	farmer
McKinley, Ann	22 years old	born Ontario	Wesleyan Methodist	
McKinley, Mary	2 years old	born Ontario	Wesleyan Methodist	
McKinley, Thomas	1/12 years old	born Ontario	Wesleyan Methodist	

John Black McKinley and Anne McArthur had five children:

1. **Mary Ann McKinley:** born c1869 in Wellington County, Ontario; died after 1948; married Richard Switzer on December 21, 1892 in East Luther, Wellington, Ontario. *[Archives of Ontario; Marriage Registration: MS 932, Reel 74, #002701]*

Richard Switzer: born c1865 in Wellington County, Ontario. His parents were Edward Switzer and Eliza Henderson. It is not known if Mary Ann and Richard Switzer had children. *[Archives of Ontario; Marriage Registration: MS 932, Reel 74, #002701]*

Mary Ann McKinley stayed in Ontario when her father and stepmother moved with the rest of the family to the United States. Mary Ann was on the 1891 Canada Census in Wellington County, Ontario with her paternal grandmother, Jane Black McKinley. *[1891 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther East; Roll T-6377; Family 41]*

2. **Thomas W. McKinley:** born January 11, 1871 in Wellington County, Ontario; died after 1948; married Annie Lefevre on September 1, 1904 in Vernon district. *[Archives of Ontario; Birth Registration: MS 929, Reel 4, #006429] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1904-09-167753]*

Anne Florence Lefevre: born June 22, 1882 in Mission Valley (now Kelowna), BC, daughter of Alphonse Lefevre and Suzanne Walker. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13813, Registration #1882-09-905372]*

Thomas and Annie McKinley had five children. They were listed on the 1911 and 1921 Canada censuses:

- James McKinley: born June 1905 (1911 Census); name was Kenneth in 1921 Census
- Lyle McKinley: born January 1907 (1911, 1921 Census)
- Doris McKinley: born May 1909 (1911, 1921 Census)
- Frances McKinley: born May 1911 (1911, 1921 Census)
- Robert McKinley: born about 1914 (1921 Census)

[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Okanagan, Kelowna City; Page 17; Family 192] [1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Vancouver Centre, Ward 2; Page 9]

Thomas McKinley and Annie Lefevre separated. Annie moved to Vancouver, BC c1920 with her children where they appeared on the 1921 Census. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Vancouver Centre, Ward 2; Page 9]*

At the time of her death on October 11, 1960, Anne Florence McKinley had lived in Vancouver for 40 years. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13248, Registration #1960-09-012285]*

Thomas McKinley continued to live in southern British Columbia. He was mentioned in his father's obituary in 1932 as living in Kamloops and in his stepmother's obituary in 1948 as living in the Kootenay region. It is not known when or where he died.

3. **James McKinley:** born c1873 in Wellington County, Ontario. He appeared on the 1881 Wellington County, Ontario Census as well as the 1885 and 1887 Washington Territory censuses. James McKinley was not mentioned in his father's obituary in 1932, and so likely died before this date. No more information has been located. *[1881 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther East; Page 56; Family 254] [1885 Washington Territory Census: Columbia County; Roll V228_2] [1887 Washington Territory Census: Columbia County]*
4. **William McKinley:** born c1875 in Wellington County, Ontario. He appeared on the 1881 Wellington County, Ontario Census as well as the 1885 and 1887 Washington Territory censuses. William McKinley was mentioned in his father's obituary in 1932 as living in Washington State. No more information has been located. *[1881 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther East; Page 56; Family 254] [1885 Washington Territory Census: Columbia County; Roll V228_2] [1887 Washington Territory Census: Columbia County]*

5. **John Black McKinley:** born May 5, 1877 in Wellington County, Ontario. John's mother died following his birth. John appeared on the 1881 Wellington County, Ontario Census as well as the 1885 and 1887 Washington Territory censuses. John B. McKinley was not mentioned in his father's obituary in 1932, and so likely died prior to his father's death. No additional information has been located. *[Archives of Ontario; Birth Registration: MS 929, Reel 31, #032615] [1881 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther East; Page 56; Family 254] [1885 Washington Territory Census: Columbia Co.; Roll V228_2] [1887 Washington Territory Census: Columbia Co.]*

Anne McKinley (nee McArthur) died following the birth of her son, John B. McKinley, on May 5, 1877. *[Archives of Ontario; Death Registration: MS 935, Reel 17, #016086]*

After his first wife died, John Black McKinley married **Jane Martin** c1879. No marriage record has been found. The family appeared in the 1881 Census in Ontario and a few Ontario records have been located. *[1881 Canada Census: Ontario, Wellington North, Luther East; Page 56; Family 254]*

John Black and Jane (nee Martin) McKinley and family left Ontario after 1883 and by 1885 were living in Washington Territory. The family was recorded on the 1885 and 1887 Washington Territory censuses.

About 1893, the McKinley family moved to the Okanagan Valley, eventually settling at what would become known as McKinley Landing.

According to Joan Schemley, her grandfather John Black McKinley came to the Okanagan Valley bringing 100 quarter horses which he planned to sell. However, he did not do well in this venture as the local farmers wanted plow horses. *[Joan Schemley]*

Jane McKinley and children arrived in the Okanagan sometime later. They came in a covered wagon from Walla Walla, Washington. They travelled along the west side of Okanagan Lake and crossed by barge to Kelowna where they were reunited with John McKinley. *[Joan Schemley]*

At McKinley Landing, they grew wheat which was milled into flour at Vernon. They also logged part of the property. *[Joan Schemley]*



McKinley Landing, undated
The S.S. Aberdeen, S.S. Okanagan, and S.S. Sicamous lake boats stopped at this landing during their trips up and down Okanagan Lake

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #6319

John Black McKinley and wife Jane were listed on the 1901 and 1911 Canada censuses with some of their children. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 28] [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Mission; Page 10; Family 102]

John Black McKinley and Jane Martin had 12 children. The following list of children has been compiled from available records, taking into consideration conflicting information:

1. **Henry McKinley:** born December 22, 1880 in Wellington County, Ontario; died January 16, 1881 in East Luther, Wellington County. [Archives of Ontario; Birth Registration: MS 929, Reel 51, #034577] [Archives of Ontario; Death Registration: MS 935, Reel 29, #019826]
2. **Samuel McKinley:** born December 22, 1880 in Wellington County, Ontario; died December 27, 1880 in East Luther, Wellington County. [Archives of Ontario; Birth Registration: MS 929, Reel 51, #034578] [Archives of Ontario; Death Registration: MS 935, Reel 29, #019827]
3. **Sarah Jane McKinley:** born November 14, 1881 in Wellington County, Ontario; died April 20, 1938 in Hoquiam, Grays Harbor, Washington; married Herbert Charles Cooper on June 2, 1898 in Vernon, BC. [Archives of Ontario; Birth Registration: MS 929, Reel 51, #034565] [Washington State Death Records] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1898-09-166309]

Herbert Charles Cooper: born March 26, 1872 in Codicoke, Hampshire, England son of Charles and Ann Cooper; died August 11, 1938 in Victoria, BC. Herbert Charles Cooper served in the First World War. [Soldiers of the First World War (1914-1918)] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13163, Registration #1938-09-545959]

Sarah Jane McKinley and Herbert Charles Cooper had two children:

- Dorothy Ann Cooper: born January 1903 in BC
- John H. Cooper: born February 1908 in BC

[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Vernon; Page 2; Family 17] [1920 US Census: Washington, Grays Harbor, Hoquiam Ward 4; Page 21B; Enumeration District 89, Image 704]

By 1920, Sarah Jane McKinley had a second husband, **Frank H. Smith**. No marriage record has been found. Frank H. Smith died before the 1930 US Census. This family appeared on the 1920 US Census. [1920 US Census: Washington, Grays Harbor, Hoquiam Ward 4; Enumeration District 89, Image 704; Page 21B]

In the 1930 US Census, Sarah Jane was listed as a widow. [1930 US Census: Washington, Grays Harbor, Hoquiam; Enumeration District 0037, Image 829.0; Page 3A]

Sarah Jane McKinley and Frank H. Smith had six children:

- Celeste C. Smith: born c1916 in Washington, USA
- Ruth C. Smith: born c1918 in Washington, USA
- Lona Mc. (Zona McK) Smith: born c1919 in Washington, USA
- Richard McK Smith: born c1923 in Washington, USA
- Myra J. Smith: born c1925 in Washington, USA
- Frank E. Smith: born c1927 in Washington, USA

[1920 US Census: Washington, Grays Harbor, Hoquiam Ward 4; Enumeration District 89, Image 704; Page 21B] [1930 US Census: Washington, Grays Harbor, Hoquiam; Enumeration District 0037, Image 829.0; Page 3A]

4. **Maggie (Margaret) May McKinley:** born October 14, 1883 in Wellington County, Ontario; died February 5, 1967 in Kelowna; married 1) William Holden Spencer on April 23, 1902 in Kelowna 2) Jack Huston in 1949. Maggie is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13281, Registration #1967-09-002386] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1902-09-167910] [Tutt, Nellie. The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Limited, 1958, page 40]

William Holden Spencer: born December 25, 1870 in Leeds, England son of James Richard Spencer and Elizabeth Holden; died February 12, 1942 in Ellison district, BC. William Holden Spencer is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13174, Registration #1942-09-602476]*

See the John Swalwell Spencer entry in the Ellison Hills section for more information about the Spencer family.

Maggie May McKinley and William Holden Spencer had six children:

- Robert William Spencer: born April 18, 1903 in Kelowna; died May 28, 1982 in Ellison. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13819, Registration #1903-09-188764] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13621, Registration #1982-09-009539]*
- Walter Percival Spencer: born September 14, 1904 in Kelowna; died November 5, 1974 in Ellison; married Bethia Stewart. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13337, Registration #1974-09-017349] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13756, Registration #1928-09-343605]*
- Thomas Albert Spencer: born July 14, 1907 in Ellison; died February 21, 1980 in Kelowna; married Lydia Schwartz. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13602, Registration #1980-09-003839] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361588]*
- John Swalwell Spencer: born 1909; died June 6, 1909 in Ellison. *[Telephone Interviews (Bob Hayes) with three Spencer family members, February 21, 2012]*
- Margaret Adeline Spencer: born 1911 in Ellison; married Fred Schwartz on June 30, 1929 in Ellison. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361590]*
- Frances Barbara Spencer: born October 25, 1916 in Ellison; died June 29, 1996 at Kettle Valley, BC; married John Spalek. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Sixty-first Report: Salmon Arm, BC: Hucul Printing Ltd., 1997, page 208.]*

Maggie McKinley married Ellison resident **Jack Huston** in 1949. They had no children. *[Tutt, Nellie. The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Limited, 1958, page 40.]*

John (Jack) Huston: born March 21, 1876, Bruce County, Ontario son of Johnson Huston and Esther Martin; died May 4, 1965 in Kelowna. He is buried in Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13272, Registration #1965-09-006056]*

5. **Ernest McKinley:** born c1887, probably in Washington Territory, USA; died March 13, 1942 in Kelowna; married Lea Ploude on October 6, 1924 in Vernon. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13174, Registration #1942-09-603816] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13748, Registration #1924-09-278451]*

Lea Ploude: born c1901 in Michigan, USA daughter of Nestor [?] Ploude and Elizabeth Olle [?]; date and place of death not known. Ernest is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. It is not known if Ernest McKinley and Lea Ploude had any children.

Note: Ernest was not listed on the 1901 Canada Census. Harry McKinley was listed where Ernest should have been in the birth order. Because this family seemed to have differing names on census records, the assumption is that Ernest and Harry were the same person. No other information has been found for a "Harry" born about this time. *[1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 28]*

6. **Robert James McKinley:** born July 31, 1889 in Washington Territory, USA; died October 3, 1912 in Kelowna; married Freda Alberta Clarke on November 29, 1910 in Kelowna. Robert McKinley is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1912-09-202573] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1910-09-167776]*

Robert James McKinley and Freda Alberta Clarke had two children:

- Margaret Jane McKinley: born c1911; married Harry Grummett on June 16, 1929 in Penticton, BC. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-360367]*
- Robert Lester McKinley: born January 25, 1912 in Fir Valley (Winfield), BC; died February 21, 1998 in Kelowna; married Thirza Sieg. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Sixty-second Report: Salmon Arm, BC: Hucul Printing Ltd., 1998, page 188.]*

Freda Alberta Clarke: born January 14, 1893 in Pullman, Washington State, USA daughter of Jeremiah Clarke and Ella Myers; died August 18, 1979 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13597, Registration #1979-09-012533]*

Freda Alberta McKinley (nee Clarke) married for a second time to **John Sommerville** on March 24, 1915 in Kelowna. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1915-09-143486]*

Freda Sommerville and her two children, Robert Lester McKinley (age 8) and Margaret Jane McKinley (age 9), were on the 1921 Canada Census with John Sommerville. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 3]*

Freda Alberta Clarke and John Sommerville had a son, Fife Sommerville. Both Freda and John Sommerville are buried in Winfield Cemetery in Lake Country, BC.

7. **Florence McKinley:** born February 20, 1892 in Washington State, USA; died April 26, 1956 in Vancouver, BC, married John William Croskell on January 10, 1910 in Vernon, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13228, Registration #1956-09-005084] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1910-09-166354]*

John William Croskell: born c1884 in Valley City, North Dakota son of William George Croskell and Lizzie Pennington. It is not known when or where John William Croskell died. In the 1921 Canada Census, he was not living with his wife and children.

Florence McKinley and John William Croskell had two children:

- Winnifred Croskell: born July 15, 1914 in Kelowna; died April 14, 1953 in Kelowna; married Edward Desormeau. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13215, Registration #1953-09-004346]*
- Edna May Croskell: born May 18, 1915 in Kelowna; died October 3, 1990 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B14746, Registration #1990-09-016172]*

In John Black McKinley's 1932 obituary, Florence was identified as Mrs. J. Gammie. In Jane McKinley's obituary in 1948, Florence was identified as Mrs. Florence Gammie. On the 1921 Canada Census, J. Gammie was listed in the same household with Florence, her children, her mother, and her brother Harold. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 6]*

Florence Gammie (nee McKinley) was buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery beside her brother, Frederick McKinley, her two daughters, and James Gammie. James Gammie was listed as single on his BC Death Registration. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13237, Registration #1958-09-007667]*

8. **Frederick McKinley:** born February 27, 1895 in BC; died September 2, 1956 in Winfield, BC; married Mary Steele on October 3, 1923 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13229, Registration #1956-09-010892] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13746, Registration #1923-09-264545]*

It is not known if Frederick McKinley and Mary Steele had any children.

Fred McKinley was mentioned in the obituaries of both his parents as living in Kelowna (1932) and Glenmore (1948). He was buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery with his sister Florence and her family.

Mary Steele: born 1907 in Winfield, BC daughter of James Steele and Elizabeth McDougall; died in 1976; married 1) Frederick McKinley 2) Peter Jones 3) Tinko, first name not known. *[Louis, Shirley. Q'Sapi: A History of Okanagan [First Nations] People as Told by Okanagan Families. Penticton, B.C.: Theytus Books Limited, 2002.]*

9. **George McKinley:** born October 12, 1895 in BC. George appeared in the 1901 Canada Census with his parents. George McKinley was mentioned in his father's obituary in 1932 as living in Washington State and in his mother's obituary in 1948 as living in Washington State. *[1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 28]*
10. **Molly McKinley:** born July 8, 1898 in BC; date and place of death not known; married Angus McDougall on May 11, 1917 in Vernon. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1917-09-186718]*

Angus Alexander McDougall: born c1896 in Alvaston (now District of Lake Country), BC son of David McDougall and Terese Christine Couture; died April 3, 1930 in Quesnel, BC. Angus McDougall is buried in Winfield, likely in Duck Lake Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13141, Registration #1930-09-448564]*

Molly McKinley and Angus McDougall had one child:

- Agnes McDougall: born June 21, 1918; died September 2, 1994; married 1) Swordy and had a son David Swordy; 2) Nelson Stewart and had no children. *[Grave marker transcribed and photographed by KDGS members] [Telephone Interview (Bob Hayes) with Shirley Louis, October 2012]*

Molly McKinley and Angus McDougall divorced. More information about Molly McKinley can be found at the beginning of this section. More information about Angus McDougall's extended family can be found in the John McDougall Family section and in the West Side section.

11. **Nellie Grace Deloris McKinley:** born November 13, 1900 at McKinley Landing, BC; date and place of death unknown; married John Goodwill Mathewson on May 27, 1918 in Vancouver, BC. *[(Delayed) Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13910, Registration #1900-09-920459] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1918-09-188434]*

John Goodwill Mathewson: born c1882 in Sault St. Marie, Michigan, USA son of Murdock John Mathewson and Elizabeth Jane McKinnon. At the time of his marriage, John, age 36, was a shingle maker and working in West Vancouver, BC. Nellie, age 22, was a waitress living in Kelowna.

Nellie McKinley and John Mathewson appeared in the 1920 US Census in Bellingham, Washington. *[1920 US Census: Washington, Whatcom County, Bellingham, Ward 4; Enumeration District 231, Image 1034; Page 3A]*

John Mathewson appeared in the 1930 US Census in Bellingham, Washington. He was then divorced and living with his mother and brother. *[1930 US Census: Washington, Whatcom County, Bellingham; Enumeration District 0024, Image 395.0; Page 8B]*

It is not known if Nellie Grace Deloris McKinley and John Goodwill Mathewson had any children.

Nellie Grace Deloris McKinley's second husband was **Charles Robert Peterson**. According to the 1930 US Census, this marriage took place c1928. *[1930 US Census: Washington, Pierce County, Tacoma; Enumeration District 0113, Image 362.0; Page 4B]*

Charles Robert Peterson: born c1882 in Utah, USA, son of Gust and Christina Peterson; died October 2, 1942 in Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington, USA. *[Washington Death Certificates]*

According to the 1940 US Census, Nellie Grace Deloris McKinley and Charles Robert Peterson had one child:

- Carlie Peterson: born c1932 in Washington State. *[1940 US Census: Washington, Pierce County, Tacoma; Enumeration District 42-16, Roll T627_4388; Page 5A]*

12. **Henry Harold McKinley:** born November 1903 in BC; date and place of death not confirmed but may be May 3, 1974 in Ladysmith, BC; married Ellen Pedersen on January 27, 1932 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13333, Registration #1974-09-008211] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13763, Registration #1932-09-399005]*

Ellen Pedersen: born c1903 North Dakota, USA daughter of Jens Jorgensen Pedersen and Magdalena Anderson; died February 7, 1996 in Kelowna. She is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13763, Registration #1932-09-399005] ["Daily Courier", Thursday, February 8, 1996, page A4]*

Henry Harold McKinley and Ellen Pedersen had a daughter, Joan, who was living in Kelowna in 2015.

Henry Harold McKinley was age 7 years in the 1911 Canada Census and living with his parents. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Mission; Page 10; Family 102]*

Harold McKinley was age 18 years in the 1921 Canada Census and living with his sister, Florence Croskell, her children, and his mother. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 6]*

John Black McKinley's obituary in 1932 recorded Harold as living in Kelowna. In 1948, Jane McKinley's obituary recorded Harold as living in Vancouver.

McKinley Landing, on the east side of Okanagan Lake seven miles north of Kelowna, is named after the pioneer McKinley family.

Acknowledgements

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Jane McKinley, Ellen McKinley holding daughter Joan, Edna (?), Winnie (?),
Maggie Spencer with son Teddy, Florence Croskell

In front of Florence's home on Old Vernon Road; undated photo

Photo Credit: Joan Schemley, 02 April 2015

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Ellison (Dickson Ranch)

Included in this section are:

- Jones, Thomas
- Simpson, George William
- Simpson, Sarah (nee Stepetsa)

JONES, Thomas: (c1839 – 1892)

Location: This grave is probably located on the Jones Ranch, later called the Swalwell Ranch, and subsequently the Dickson Ranch. This is in Ellison district, near Old Vernon Road, south of Duck Lake. [Carney, Tom. *Memoirs of Tom Carney*. Unpublished, 1979]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Thomas Jones was born in England c1839. On April 6, 1884, in Mission Valley (now Ellison, BC, adjacent to the City of Kelowna), he married Eliza Jane Simpson daughter of Ellison pioneers George William Simpson and Sarah Stepetsa. Thomas Jones died on July 29, 1892. [Okanagan Historical Society. *Eighth Report*. Publisher Unknown, 1939, page 40.] ["Vernon News", August 4, 1892.]

Thomas Jones was a farmer and orchardist in Ellison district. The enumeration for the Voters' List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists Thomas Jones as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

The District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of Thomas Jones' agricultural worth (\$1000) and personal property worth (\$1000). His agricultural holdings included 60 head of cattle, 30 hogs, 10 horses, and 320 acres of land.

Thomas Jones was listed in the 1881 Canada Census: 40 years old, single, born in England, and working as a miner. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 20; Family 120]

Thomas Jones and family were listed in the 1891 Canada Census of the Central Okanagan. [1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Okanagan Mission; Page; Family 14]

Jones, Thomas	52 years old	born England	Church of England	farmer
Jones, Jane	22 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Jones, Thomas	5 years old	born BC	Church of England	

The "Vernon News", Thursday, September 10, 1891 edition, reported: "Mr. T. Jones has a splendid young orchard, but land seekers need not call here as Mr. Jones will not sell under any consideration."

The Thursday, November 5, 1891 edition of the "Vernon News", page 1, reported: "Mr. T. Jones is about to erect a new house on his ranch in the Mission valley."

Thomas Jones died July 29, 1892 on his ranch near Duck Lake and was survived by his widow and young son Thomas William Jones. No BC Death Registration has been located. He was buried on his property. [Carney, Tom. *Memoirs of Tom Carney*. Unpublished, 1979]



Thomas Jones' house in Ellison district, February 2012

Photo Credit: James A. Klein



Thomas Jones' barn in Ellison district, February 2012
This barn was destroyed by fire shortly after this photograph was taken.

Photo Credit: James A. Klein

The "Vernon News", Thursday, August 4, 1892 reported Thomas Jones' death:

On Friday last Mr. Thomas Jones, one of the most respected ranchers in the Mission Valley, passed over the great divide. Mr. Jones was very popular with all who knew him and had been over 22 years resident in the valley. He leaves a widow, and one son aged 5 years. The funeral took place on Monday at the ranch of deceased near Duck Lake. Rev. P.F. Langill officiated and there was a large attendance of neighboring settlers.

Thomas Jones and Eliza Jane Simpson had one child:

Thomas William Jones: born at Ellison August 13, 1887; died February 19, 1964 at Port Coquitlam, BC; married Helen Fast and had no children. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13265, Registration #1964-09-003390]*

Helen Fast: no information

Eliza Jane Jones (nee Simpson), the widow of Thomas Jones, married **William Pelissier Swalwell** on May 10, 1895 in Vernon district. William P. and Eliza Jane Swalwell had no children. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1895-09-167895]*

William Pelissier Swalwell: born September 24, 1855 in Yorkshire, England, son of Joseph Swalwell and Sarah Dickinson; died March 14, 1926 in Kamloops, BC. *[1861 Canada Census: Canada West, Kent; Page 12, Lines 7-13] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13129, Registration #1926-09-373882]*

In the Eighth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, in "Girlhood Days in Okanagan", page 40, Eliza Jane Jones Swalwell (nee Simpson) provides information about herself and her husbands, Thomas Jones and William Pelissier Swalwell:

I was born on the 14th December, 1868, and married Thomas Jones on the 6th April, 1884. He died on the 30th July, 1888 [July 29, 1892]. On the 10th May, 1892 [May 10, 1895], I married again, my second husband being William Pelissier Swalwell. He got his second name by being named after the French Marshal who commanded the French Army at the time of the Crimean war in 1854. This name was very popular about the time he was born. My husband was a cousin of the Postill brothers. He died on the 14th March, 1926.

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SIMPSON, George William: (c1821 – 1902)

Location: This grave is probably located on the Jones Ranch, later called the Swalwell Ranch, and subsequently the Dickson Ranch. This is in Ellison district, near Old Vernon Road, south of Duck Lake. [Carney, Tom. *Memoirs of Tom Carney*. Unpublished, 1979]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: According to his BC Marriage Registration, George William Simpson was born in Delaware, USA c1821, the son of John and Marguerite Simpson. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1876-09-167884]

Various records show different dates and places of birth for George Simpson: Delaware, Wisconsin, and Philadelphia. According to the 1901 Canada Census, his birth date was March 15, 1817. George Simpson's daughter, Eliza Jane Swalwell, recorded that John Simpson, father of George Simpson, was a Presbyterian minister who immigrated to the USA from Scotland. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 2; Family 2] [Okanagan Historical Society. *Eighth Report*. Publisher Unknown, 1939, page 40]

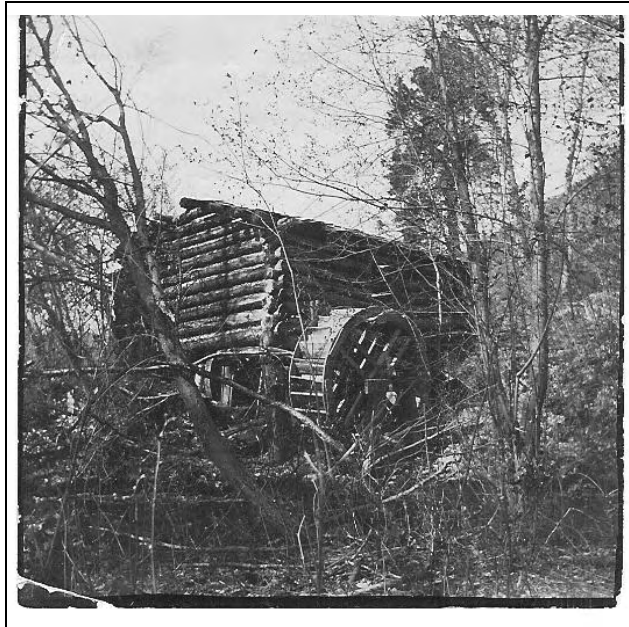
Frank M. Buckland, in *Ogopogo's Vigil*, pages 41 - 42, provided information about George Simpson and described the property that Simpson purchased from Frederick Brent:

George W. Simpson, born in Philadelphia, U.S.A. was the son of a Presbyterian minister who had emigrated to that country from Scotland. California had called young Simpson west, and the Fraser [River] bars north. He arrived in Victoria in 1859, and was one of fifty men who answered the call of Governor Douglas, when he endeavoured to open the road to the Cariboo the same year. Simpson was also associated with Harper Bros., following their herds into the Chilcotin and Cariboo from Oregon, and his family claim he was the first man to introduce domestic cattle into our Valley. He made his first home beside Luc Girouard on Nin-til-moos-chin, or "little jump over", now Swan Lake Creek, Vernon.

Both these men must have been squatters at that time, for we read of Luc Girouard recording his preemption claim much later, September 1, 1867. Coming to the Mission Valley, Simpson bought Frederick Brent's farm at Duck Lake in 1870. There he operated a cattle ranch, and the iron flour mill run by a waterwheel on a nearby creek that was installed by Brent. This mill was later moved to the Simpson ranch four miles farther down the creek. A sawmill built on this original site by Postill Bros. was run by the same water power. One year later a grist mill was driven by the same water, much nearer the lake [Okanagan

Lake], and the name of the stream that drove these wheels was then changed [from Pion / Peon Creek] to Mill Creek, as it is today.

After selling his Duck Lake property to the Postill Bros. Simpson moved south to the ranch which still bears his name. There he continued to farm for a number of years, using oxen as work animals in the fields in preference to horses, until his sons grew up and introduced different methods. Simpson was noted as a studious man, and a well-worn, thumb-marked Bible he had carried with him over rough trails and through rougher camps marked him as a reader.



Grist Mill, probably at the south end of Duck Lake on the property which George Simpson acquired in 1870 from the Brent family

This photograph was taken by Ellison district resident, Nellie Florence Whelan, c1903.
Photo Credit: Robert M. Hayes Collection

In 1872, George Simpson sold this Duck Lake property to the Postill family. The Simpson family then moved south to property adjacent to present-day Old Vernon Road as it turns off Highway 97 North. Part of this property is presently (2015) the Kelowna Springs Golf Course. [Tutt, Nellie. *The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958*. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Limited, 1958, pages 11 - 12]

The enumeration for the Voters' List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists George W. Simpson as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

The District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of George W. Simpson's agricultural worth (\$1200) and personal property worth (\$1000). His agricultural holdings included 75 head of cattle, 20 hogs, 2 horses, and 320 acres of land.

On September 10, 1876, George Simpson married Sarah Stepetsa in Vernon district. George Simpson was Presbyterian and Sarah Stepetsa was Roman Catholic. They were married by the local Roman Catholic Oblate priest, Father Julien Baudré, O.M.I., who recorded George as "Georges" and George's mother as "Marguerite". [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1876-09-167884]

George and Sarah Simpson had six children, all born locally: Eliza Jane, George William, Thomas, Sarah Ann, Livinia, and Charles Simpson. [*Descendants of George William Simpson. Unpublished*]

The 1881 Canada Census provided information about George Simpson and family. [*1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 15; Family 91*]

Simpson, George	58 years old	born USA	Church of Scotland	farmer
Simpson, Sarah	30 years old	born BC	Catholic	
Simpson, Eliza Jane	12 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	
Simpson, George Wm.	10 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	
Simpson, Thomas	8 years old	born BC	Church of Scotland	

George Simpson and family were listed in the 1891 Canada Census. [*1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan Mission; Page 4; Family 22*]

Simpson, George W.	68 years old	born USA	Presbyterian	farmer
Simpson, Sarah	40 years old	born BC	Roman Catholic	
Simpson, George	20 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	farm labourer
Simpson, Thomas	18 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	

George William Simpson, a widower, was listed in the 1901 Canada Census, living in the nearby household of Joseph Christien, along with George Simpson's daughter-in-law, Lizette Simpson. [*1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Yale East; Page 2; Family 21*]

Christien, Joseph	born August 11, 1830	Quebec	Roman Catholic	farmer
Simpson, George W.	born March 15, 1817	USA	Presbyterian	farm labourer
Simpson, Lizet	born September 24, 1879	BC	Roman Catholic	

George William Simpson died February 22, 1902 on the Swalwell Ranch at Ellison. He was probably buried on this ranch which was owned by his daughter, Eliza Jane Swalwell. The "Vernon News", Thursday, February 27, 1902, page 5, reported this death:

Death removed another of the oldtimers of this district when, last Saturday, James [George William] Simpson passed away at the residence of Wm Swalwell [Swalwell], Okanagan Mission. The deceased was a native of Wisconsin, and came to this province in the early days of the Cariboo excitement. At one time he operated a ferry at the mouth of Quesnelle, where at one time, he was credited with making as much as \$3,000 per day. He afterwards became a partner in the cattle business with Judge [John Carmichael] Haynes at Osoyoos, after which he and Colonel Haughton [Houghton] were together in the same business in this part of the district. For over thirty years he lived in the Mission valley, one of his farms there being the fine ranch now known as the Postill place. He had been in feeble health for the past few years, and his death was not unexpected, though it will cause a shock and feeling of sadness to many old friends by whom he was much esteemed. He was between eighty-five and ninety years of age, and a naturally robust constitution had been much impaired by the severe hardships incidental to pioneer life in this province.

In the Eighth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, in "Girlhood Days in Okanagan", page 40, Eliza Jane Jones Swalwell (nee Simpson) provided information about her father George William Simpson:

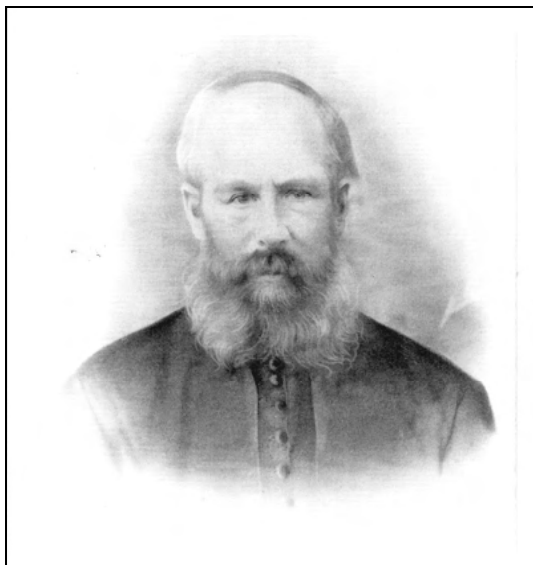
My father was George William Simpson. He was born in Philadelphia, the son of a Scotch Presbyterian minister. He died on the 22nd February, 1902, aged eighty-five years.

He was a studious man, and all his life his Bible was his constant companion. He always took it with him when off on prospecting trips. The one he had when he

died was printed in Oxford by the University Press in 1870. It contains the well-known dedication to King James, beginning with the words: "Great and manifold were the blessings, most dread Sovereign," etc. Dirty, ragged and thumb-worn, it is to-day my most precious possession. As it was so well known throughout the valley at one time (Simpson's Bible), it is now of some historic import and value. Some day I may bequeath it to a museum.

On pages 11 and 12 of The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958 there is an article about George William Simpson, pioneer of Ellison district:

He continued to operate the flour mill that he bought from Fred Brent and moved it to a new location further south on the same creek when he sold out to Postill Brothers in 1872. One old map shows the name "Simpson Creek" on what was for years known as "Mill Creek." Mr. Simpson used oxen in preference to horses for tilling the soil. He was a studious and well-read man and always carried a well-worn Bible with him on his travels. His sons were George, Tom and Charlie and his daughter Elizabeth Jane, first married to T. [Tom] Jones and later to W.P. [William Pelissier] Swalwell, and another daughter [Sarah], Mrs. V. [Victor] Borrie. They were all born in the Okanagan. After he sold the Simpson Ranch, which at that time contained 1760 acres, to Price Ellison, he lived with his daughter Mrs. Swalwell on what is now known as the Dickson Ranch. He was buried on that property about 1902.



George William Simpson, undated

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #105



George William Simpson, undated

Photo Credit: Nellie Tutt

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SIMPSON, Sarah (nee Stepetsa): (c1853 – 1901)

Location: This grave is probably located on the Jones Ranch, later called the Swalwell Ranch, and subsequently the Dickson Ranch. This is in Ellison district, near Old Vernon Road, south of Duck Lake. [Carney, Tom. Memoirs of Tom Carney. Unpublished, 1979]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Sarah Stepetsa, a First Nations woman, was born at Penticton in the South Okanagan Valley c1853. She moved to the Mission Valley into the area now called Ellison. Sarah Stepetsa married George William Simpson in Vernon district on September 16, 1876. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1876-09-167884]

George and Sarah Simpson had six children:

1. **Eliza Jane Simpson**: born December 14, 1868 in the Okanagan; died February 13, 1944 in Kelowna; married 1) Thomas Jones on April 6, 1884 2) William Pelissier Swalwell on May 10, 1895 in Vernon district. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-639800] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1895-09-167895]

Thomas Jones: born c1839 England; died July 29, 1892 Mission Valley, BC. [*"Vernon News", August 4, 1892*]

William Pelissier Swalwell: born September 24, 1855 in Yorkshire, England; died March 14, 1926 at Kamloops, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13129, Registration #1926-09-373882*]

2. **George William Simpson:** born January 24, 1871 probably in Ellison district; died October 30, 1930 at Kelowna; married Marguerite (surname unknown) on June 24, 1919 at Kamloops, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13140, Registration #1930-09-445790*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13888, Registration #1919-09-026765*]

Marguerite: born c1879 at Head of the Lake, Vernon, BC; died mid-May 1930 in Washington State, USA. [*"Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, May 22, 1930, page 4*]

3. **Thomas Simpson:** born October 15, 1872 probably in Ellison district; died August 20, 1912 at Kamloops, BC; married 1) Eliza Jane Christien 2) Charlotte Annis Mary Lovelett on June 24, 1912 at Chase, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1912-09-202672*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13111, Registration #1909-09-201991*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1912-09-139507*]

Eliza (Lizette) Jane Christien: born c1879 possibly at Vernon, BC; died June 20, 1909 at Duck Lake, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13111, Registration #1909-09-201991*]

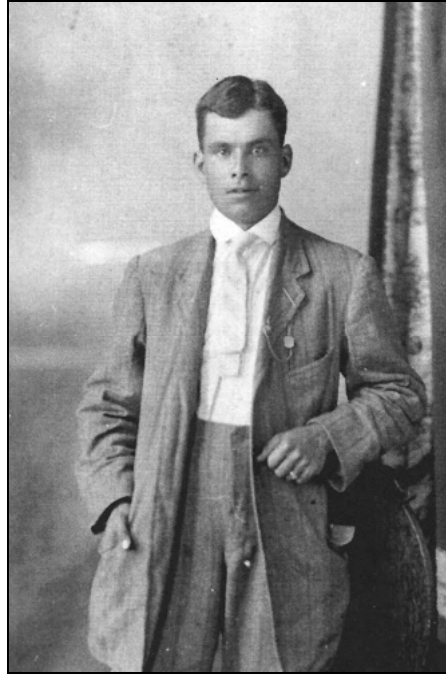
Charlotte Annis Mary Lovelett: born c1890 at Chase, BC; died February 1942 at Grand Forks, BC; married 1) Thomas Simpson 2) Sidney Carton-Wilkes on April 23, 1919 at Kamloops, BC. [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11390, Registration #1919-09-203035*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13174, Registration #1942-09-601884*]

4. **Sarah Ann Simpson:** born April 5, 1875 in Ellison district; died June 22, 1956 at Kelowna; married Victor Borrie. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13377, Registration #1956-09-095202*]

Victor Borrie: born c1869 in BC; died November 25, 1947 at Winfield, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13376, Registration #1947-09-095535*]

5. **Livinia Simpson:** baptized December 3, 1882 at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception. No other information has been found; probably died young. [*Parish Registers: Mission of the Immaculate Conception*]
6. **Charles Simpson:** born March 29, 1891 in Ellison district; died November 27, 1982 at Vernon, BC; married May (Mary) Christine Wilson on February 8, 1922 at Kamloops, BC. [*Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13813, Registration #1891-09-904542*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13625, Registration #1982-09-019160*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13744, Registration #1922-09-250588*]

Mary Christine Wilson: born May 25, 1900 at Lac La Hache, BC; died September 29, 1991 at Kelowna, BC. [*Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13816, Registration #1900-09-259405*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17154, Registration #1991-09-018142*]



Thomas Simpson, undated

Thomas Simpson and wife Eliza Jane (nee Christien) had five children:
Annie, Percival, Annie Levina, George, and Harvey Allen Simpson.

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George Simpson (son of Thomas Simpson and Eliza Jane Christien),
Victor Borrie (standing), Sarah Borrie (nee Simpson), and
William Steele (son of Jimmy Steele and Elizabeth McDougall), c1912

Photo Credit: Shirley Louis, 28 October 2014

In the Eighth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, in “Girlhood Days in Okanagan”, page 40, Eliza Jane Jones Swalwell (nee Simpson) provides information about the family of her mother, Sarah Simpson (nee Stepetsa):

At one time there were two Indian Chiefs, one was Enoch who lived at Duck Lake and the other Chief Pantherhead who lived at Westbank. Chief Pantherhead had two sisters, one was my mother who married G.W. Simpson, and died in 1901, one year before my father. The other sister married a Frenchman, named Boriot [Borrie], who had a cattle ranch near Kamloops. He went on a visit to France, and while there was conscripted and killed in the Franco-Prussian war [1870]. His son, Victor Boriot [Borrie], and his wife are now living on the Duck Lake [First Nations] Reserve. After her husband's death, my aunt came to live with her brother, Chief Pantherhead, and later she married Chief Enoch. These two Chiefs, Pantherhead and Enoch, were highly respected by both Indians and whites.



The Simpson home on the Simpson Ranch on Old Vernon Road, c1966

The Simpsons moved to this property in 1872. The house was built and added to in subsequent years.

Photo Credit: James A. Klein

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Ellison Hills

Included in this section are:

- Donaldson, William (Scotty)
- Singh, Jaimal
- Singh, Lakha
- Spencer, John Swalwell
- Whelan, George Robert James
- Whelan, Mary Ann
 - Whelan Family

DONALDSON, William (Scotty): (c1822 – 1882)

Location: This grave is located in Ellison district probably east of Old Vernon Road. [Carney, Tom. *Memoirs of Tom Carney*. Unpublished, 1979]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: William “Scotty” Donaldson was born in Scotland (Orkney Islands) c1822. He came to British Columbia c1860 and settled in Cariboo district where he operated a Road House. About 1872, he moved to the Central Okanagan and settled on property in what is now Ellison district, making him one of the earliest pioneers in that part of the Okanagan Valley. [Akrigg, G.P.V. and Akrigg, Helen B. *British Columbia Place Names*. Victoria, BC: Sono Nis Press, 1986, page 268]

The enumeration for the Voters’ List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists William Donaldson as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

The District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of William Donaldson’s agricultural worth (\$800) and personal property worth (\$500). His agricultural holdings included 35 head of cattle, 6 horses, and 320 acres of land.

According to the 1881 Canada Census, William Donaldson was 62 years old, born in Scotland, and Presbyterian. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 14; Family 87]

F.W. Laing’s article “Scotty Creek and Scottie Creek” appeared in the Ninth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, page 58:

Evidently he [William Donaldson] arrived in the Kelowna area before September 25th, 1872, at which date a claim was recorded in his name in the Yale-Lytton Register for Lands, Record No. 98 in which the land is described as follows: ‘Situated in the Mission Valley, Okanagan, commencing at a post marked E. about six miles above the Mission, running thence 1016 yards south to post marked F., thence 1524 yards east to post marked G, thence 1016 yards to post marked H. thence 1524 yards to starting point’.

In the aforementioned article, on page 60, F.W. Laing wrote:

Mrs. Eliza Jane Swalwell, of Winfield, in her letter of the 27th September, 1939, says: ‘In answer to your letter in regard to William Donaldson, I remember him quite well, and Scotty Creek was named after him, as he had a place there. He lived there for quite a few years and died there. He left the place to a man

named McInnes, who took care of him in his last illness. This man sold it to David McDougall, who later sold it to John Conroy, and one of Conroy's sons [Joe] is living there now'.

F.W. Laing continued on pages 60 and 61:

D. [David] Lloyd-Jones of Kelowna, in his letter of the 6th October, 1939, says: 'All I can say is this: On my arrival here in Mission Valley in October, 1880, my brother who was here at the time sent me down from the Tom Jones place to Scotty Creek to fix a door for Scotty (I only knew him as Scotty), who was not well at the time. I understood from him that he had come down from the Cariboo, and that the Creek was named after him owing to he being the first settler on it. It was in June 1882, or 1883, that McInnes came strolling through the valley, and arranged with Scotty, who was then in poor health, that he should stay with and take care of him for the rest of his life time (which was of short duration). For this Scotty gave McInnes the place and the stock'.

F.W. Laing, on page 61, added the following information, provided by David Lloyd-Jones:

Donaldson's handwriting would indicate that his schooling was elementary. He wrote his name in large characters such as would be used by a child.

Additional information about Scotty Donaldson is found on page 268 of British Columbia Place Names by G.P.V. Akrigg and Helen B. Akrigg:

Scottie Creek, flows S.W. into Bonaparte R. (C-9). After William (Scotty) Donaldson, who as early as October 1861 was conducting a rowdy two-room roadhouse on the Bonaparte River. An Orkneyman who wore his Scottish bonnet in all seasons, Scotty was a hard drinker. Miners putting up overnight during the Cariboo gold rush were sometimes roused in the middle of the night by a hallucinating drunken Scotty who, convinced that he was about to be robbed and murdered, would drive them out blanketless into the night. In 1872 Scotty sold out and move to the Okanagan. (See next entry.)

Scotty Creek, flows W. into Kelowna [Mill] Cr. (B-10). After leaving the Cariboo, the drunken innkeeper William (Scotty) Donaldson – see the preceding entry – pre-empted land here on 25 September 1872, but never obtained title. He died in the Okanagan in 1882 at the age of sixty.

Scotty Donaldson died March 28, 1882 in Vernon district at the reported age of 60. Cause of death was a tumor on his leg which he had had for five years according to Thomas Wood, informant of Scotty Donaldson's death. Scotty Donaldson was probably buried on his property in Ellison district. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13110, Registration #1882-09-197175]

Scotty Creek in Ellison district is named after this pioneer.

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SINGH, Jaimal (c1872 – 1944)

Location: Jaimal Singh's body was cremated in Scotty Creek (Ellison) district. Jaimal Singh is included in this publication because of the cremation site. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-638011]*

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the site.

Biographical Information: According to Jaimal Singh's BC Death Registration, he was born in Bakhawal, India, date of birth not known. His father was listed as Khushal Singh; his mother's name unknown. Jaimal Singh was a widower, his wife having died in India. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-638011]*

Jaimal Singh died in Kelowna on January 7, 1944 at the age of 72 years. He had been in Canada and British Columbia for 36 years. Jaimal Singh was a farmer. His remains were cremated at Scotty Creek, Ellison District on January 8, 1944. The informant of Jaimal Singh's death was his friend Kartar [?] Singh. No obituary for Jaimal Singh has been located. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-638011]*

Information about the local Indo-Canadian presence is found in History of Rutland 1858 – 1958, pages 45 and 46:

The first East Indians [Sikhs] to come to the Rutland district were Dewan Singh, Delip [Delipa] Singh, and Ganga Singh in the year of 1909. Coming directly here from India, they farmed on the lands now owned by Yamamoka [Yamaoka] Brothers and Mr. Fred Stevens. Dewan Singh went back to India in 1950, Delip Singh died in 1918 in the flu epidemic and Ganga Singh returned to India in 1943. Jamal [Jaimal?] Singh arrived in 1913, and farmed on the Bond place. Bhagu Singh Basran also came in 1913, and his family of four sons and six daughters were brought up in Rutland and all attended school here. Kabel Singh with his wife, one daughter, and three sons, live on the corner of McDougall road [Road] at the present time. He recalls working in the early days for the Belgian Canadian Land Company, helping to attend the forty horses stabled in the Red Barn that was a familiar landmark at that time.

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Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-638011



Local Sikh community, Rutland, BC, c1940

Photo Credit: Tarsem Goraya, 11 May 2015

SINGH, Lakha (c1879 – 1952)

Location: Lakha Singh's body was cremated in Scotty Creek (Ellison) district. Lakha Singh is included in this publication because of the cremation site. [*"Kelowna Courier", Monday, July 21, 1952, p. 1 (Obituary: Lakha Singh)*]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the site.

Biographical Information: According to his BC Death Registration, Lakha Singh was born in India, son of Jawar Singh and Jas Kour. He was married to Dhan Kour. Lakha Singh worked as a farmer in Ellison district. He died at Kelowna on July 18, 1952 at the age of 73 years. At the time of his death he had been in Canada and British Columbia for 46 years. His remains were cremated at Scotty Creek, Ellison on July 20, 1952. The informant of Lakha Singh's death was his friend Wuttan (?) Singh. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13213, Registration #1952-09-009284*]

The following article appeared in the Monday, July 21, 1952 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 1:

Lakha Singh Cremated

Hindu [Sikh] cremation rites were conducted in the Scotty Creek district Sunday afternoon when the body of Lakha Singh was devoured by flames before close to 800 persons who witnessed the ceremony.

The well-known Ellison farmer, who was one of the wealthiest men in the Okanagan, died on Friday at the age of 72.

His body was placed upon a wooden platform, around which logs had been piled. After a brief service conducted at Day's Funeral Home [Kelowna], the long procession moved to the cremation site where hundreds more waited. The corpse was removed from the casket, anointed with oil by a Hindu [Sikh] priest,

and then wrapped in cotton material. A white turban was placed on his head. The body was then placed upon a wooden platform around which logs had been piled. Gasoline was sprinkled over the bier and a torch engulfed it in flames. The fire was still burning six hours later. A similar cremation [probably Jaimal Singh] took place in this area about seven years ago.

Hundreds of people waited several hours before the funeral procession arrived. The ashes will be sent back to India where they will be sprinkled over his native land.

Lakha Singh came to Canada 46 years ago, and to the Ellison district 38 years ago. He owned a large stock farm [and] had interests in a saw mill; was a prominent vegetable grower, and owned a vast amount of property in the Okanagan.

He is survived by his wife, and two brothers, one of whom arrived here from India three months ago. The other brother is in India.

Information about Lakha Singh is found on page 76 in The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958:

LAKHA SINGH came to the [Ellison] district from India before 1914 and with several of his countrymen worked on shares on various ranches. After the war he bought land in the Scotty Creek area. At his death in 1954 [1952] he owned about sixty acres of orchard land, over three hundred acres of arable land and about two thousand acres of rangeland, as well as a large herd of cattle.

The July 21, 1952 "Kelowna Courier" makes no mention of children. On January 21, 2014, long-time Ellison residents, John McGarvie and Ken Clement, recalled that Lakha Singh had two sons, Gordon and George.



Lakha Singh, probably Ellison, BC, undated

Photo Credit: Mohini Singh, March 2014

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Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13213, Registration #1952-09-009284

Telephone interviews (Bob Hayes) with John McGarvie and Ken Clement on January 21, 2014

SPENCER, John Swalwell: (1909 – 1909)

Location: This grave was originally on the Cloverdale Ranch in Ellison district. John Swalwell Spencer's remains were later disinterred and reburied in the McKinley Family plot in the Pioneer Cemetery, Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. [Carney, Tom. *Memories of the Okanagan*. Unpublished, 1979] [Telephone interview (Bob Hayes) with Agnes Spencer, Kay Hunter, and Allan Spalek, February 21, 2012]



Pioneer Cemetery, Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 30 September 2012

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the original gravesite in Ellison.

Biographical Information: The "Vernon News", Thursday, June 3, 1909 edition, page 6, reported that, "The home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer has been brightened by the birth of a fine baby boy."

John Swalwell Spencer was the fourth child of William Holden Spencer and Maggie May McKinley, Central Okanagan Valley pioneers. He died June 6, 1909, age one month. His middle name, Swalwell, was the surname of the Spencers' neighbours. [Spencer Family]

Ellison pioneer Thomas Carney described some early burials in Ellison, including "an infant Spencer of the original Spencer family [was buried] on the old Whelan Ranch known later as 'Cloverdale'". [Carney, Tom. *Memories of the Okanagan*. Unpublished, 1979, page 99]

John Swalwell Spencer's remains were later removed for burial in the McKinley Family plot, located in the Pioneer Cemetery, Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. [Spencer Family]

William Holden Spencer, John Swalwell Spencer's father, was born December 25, 1870 in Leeds, England, son of James Richard Spencer and Elizabeth Holden. He immigrated to Canada in 1887, both of his parents having recently died. William Holden Spencer settled in Ellison district in 1900. ["Kelowna Courier", Thursday, February 26, 1942, page 5.] [Sherry Spencer]

Maggie May McKinley, John Swalwell Spencer's mother, was born in Ontario on October 14, 1883, daughter of John Black McKinley and Jane Martin. Maggie McKinley, her parents, and siblings arrived in the Central Okanagan Valley c1893. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13281, Registration #1967-09-002386] [Tutt, Nellie. *The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958*. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Limited, 1958, pages 39-40.]

Additional information about the McKinley family is found in the Duck Lake Area section of this document.

Maggie McKinley and William Holden Spencer were married at Kelowna on April 23, 1902.
[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1902-09-167910]



William and Maggie Spencer
 and son Robert, c1903

Photo Credit: Spencer Family

William Holden Spencer and family are found in the 1911 Canada Census. William Holden Spencer was listed as William Harold Spencer. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Okanagan; Page 19]*

Spencer, William Harold	40 years old	born England	Anglican	farmer
Spencer, Maggie May	28 years old	born Ontario	Presbyterian	
Spencer, Robert William	8 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	
Spencer, Walter Percival	6 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	
Spencer, Thomas Albert	3 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	
Spencer, Margaret Adeline	2/12 years old	born BC	Presbyterian	

The 1921 Canada Census listed William Holden Spencer and his family. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 1]*

Spencer, William H.	50 years old	born England	Church of England	farmer
Spencer, Margaret	38 years old	born Ontario	Church of England	
Spencer, Robert W.	18 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Spencer, Walter	16 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Spencer, Thomas	13 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Spencer, Adeline	10 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Spencer, Frances	4 years old	born BC	Church of England	

William Holden Spencer and Maggie May McKinley had six children:

1. **Robert William Spencer:** born April 18, 1903 in Ellison; died May 28, 1982 in Kelowna. Robert Spencer did not marry. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13819, Registration #1903-09-188764] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13621, Registration #1982-09-009539]*

2. **Walter Percival Spencer:** born September 14, 1904 in Ellison; died November 5, 1974 in Kelowna; married Bethia Henderson Stewart on March 23, 1928 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13337, Registration #1974-09-017349] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13756, Registration #1928-09-343605]*

Bethia Henderson Stewart: born March 20, 1911 in Glasgow, Scotland; died July 22, 1983 in Kelowna. Her parents were Alexander Stewart and Agnes Kirkwood Smith. She was buried in Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13632, Registration #1983-09-011958]*

3. **Thomas Albert Spencer:** born July 14, 1907 in Ellison; died February 21, 1980 in Kelowna; married Lydia Schwartz on 23 June 1929 in Kelowna. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13602, Registration #1980-09-003839] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361588]*

Lydia Schwartz: born February 10, 1911 in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan; died February 10, 1997 in Kelowna. Her parents were Robert Schwartz born in North Dakota, USA and Charlotte (Loda) Dell born in Russia. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361588]*

4. **John Swalwell Spencer:** born 1909 in Ellison; died June 6, 1909 in Kelowna. *[Agnes Spencer, Kay Hunter, and Allan Spalek]*

5. **Margaret Adeline Spencer:** born 1911 in Ellison; died March 29, 1994 in Salmon Arm, BC; married Fred Schwartz on June 30, 1929 in Ellison in the Whelan Methodist Church. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361590] [Sherry Spencer]*

Fred Schwartz: born July 9, 1907 in Alberta; died 1990 in Salmon Arm, BC. His parents were Robert Schwartz born in North Dakota and Charlotte (Lody) Dell born in Russia. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13758, Registration #1929-09-361590] [Sherry Spencer]*

6. **Frances Barbara Spencer:** born October 25, 1916 in Ellison; died June 29, 1996 at Kettle Valley, BC; married John Spalek. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Sixty-first Report: Salmon Arm, BC: Hucul Printing Ltd., 1997, page 208]*

John Spalek: born December 24, 1911 in Czechoslovakia; died April 30, 1997 in Kelowna. His parents were Steve Spalek and Katherine Ordrievk. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993006457.jpg, Registration #1993-09-006457]*

William Holden Spencer died February 12, 1942 in Ellison district. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13174, Registration #1942-09-602476]*

William Holden Spencer's obituary appeared on page 5 of the Thursday, February 26, 1942 edition of the "Kelowna Courier":

Old Ellison Resident Dies
William H. Spencer Passes Away Suddenly at His Home –
Leaves Wife and Five Children

William H. Spencer passed away suddenly at his home in Ellison, Thursday, February 12 last, at the age of 71 years. The deceased was born in Leeds, England, on December 25, 1870, and came to Ontario in 1888. After working on

various farms, he came out to Kelowna in 1900 and in 1902 married Maggie May McKinley. In 1906 the Spencers made their home in Ellison and have resided there for 36 years.

The deceased is survived by his wife, three sons, Robert William, Walter Percival and Thomas Albert Spencer and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Schwartz and Mrs. John Spalek, all of the Valley.



The Spencer Family, c1917

Back: Walter and Robert
Front: Adeline, Maggie holding Frances, and Thomas

Photo Credit: Spencer Family

Maggie Spencer (nee McKinley) married Ellison resident Jack Huston in 1949. She died at Kelowna on February 5, 1967 and is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13281, Registration #1967-09-002386]*

Maggie May Huston's obituary appeared on page 8 of the Thursday, February 7, 1967 edition of the "Kelowna Daily Courier":

HUSTON – Maggie May of Ellison, passed away in the Kelowna General Hospital on February 5th, 1967 at the age of 83 years. Prayers will be recited at The Garden Chapel, 1134 Bernard Avenue, on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. A Requiem Mass will be held in St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Rutland, on Wednesday, February 8th, at 10:00 a.m., The Rev. Fr. F.L. Flynn the celebrant. Interment will follow in the Kelowna Cemetery. Mrs. Huston is survived by two daughters Adeline (Mrs. F. Schwartz) of Salmon Arm, Frances (Mrs. J. Spalek) of Rutland, and three sons, Robert and Thomas of Ellison, and Walter of Rutland. Twenty-two grandchildren and fifty-seven great grandchildren also survive. Predeceased by her husband [Jack Huston] in 1965. Clarke and Dixon have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Additional information about Maggie May McKinley and William Holden Spencer is found on pages 39 - 40 of The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958:

Mrs. J. Huston, the former Mrs. Wm. Spencer, was born Margaret May McKinley. She arrived at the age of 10 with her parents in the Okanagan Valley in 1893 coming from Luther, Ontario [via Washington Territory]. They first lived on Alex Berard's place at the Mission then on J. Brent's place, now the property of Mrs. Catherine Neave [nee Carney]. The first white woman in the district she recalls meeting was Mrs. Thomas Hereron [nee Mary McKenna]. After one year spent on T. Hereron's place the family moved to McKinley Landing which was named after them.

Mrs. Huston was one of the pupils attending the first school held in Joseph Christien's house, staying at the McKinley's and later the Whelan's. After leaving school she worked for a year for Mrs. Shayler at the Benvoulin Hotel which was then owned by Dan Nicholson. On April 23rd, 1902 she was married to Wm. Spencer and lived on part of John Conroy's place.

William Spencer came to the district in 1900 from Leeds, England after a short stay in Ontario. He worked for George Whelan in the fall of 1901 and recalled ploughing on Cloverdale Ranch in January 1902 as that was a very mild winter.

The next spring he began working for John Conroy, staying there until his marriage. After working for Mr. Wm. Swalwell in the present Winfield District he purchased a farm east of the Postill Ranch. Towards Christmas of 1907 they moved into their home where they lived for 36 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer grew fruit and kept dairy cows. Mrs. Spencer was noted for her fine butter and at one time made as much as forty to fifty pounds per week. During the First World War they obtained the high price of one dollar a pound for butter. Mr. Spencer supplied the school district with wood continuously for thirty-five years until his death in 1942.



William, Ted, and Maggie Spencer, undated

Photo Credit: Spencer family

McKinley Landing, on the east side of Okanagan Lake, about seven miles north of the City of Kelowna, is named after the parents of Maggie Spencer nee McKinley.

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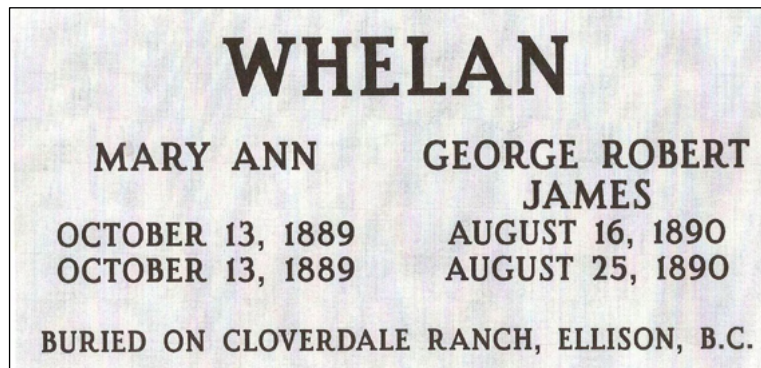
WHELAN, George Robert James: (1890 – 1890)

Location: This grave is probably located in the lower hills east of Old Vernon Road on what was the Cloverdale (Whelan) Ranch. [Carney, Tom. *Memories of the Okanagan*. Unpublished, 1979] [Wilma D. Hayes nee Clement]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave. In July 2008, a memorial marker for George Robert James Whelan and his sister, Mary Ann Whelan, was placed on the Whelan Family grave in Kelowna's Pioneer Cemetery. This marker was paid for by James Herbert Lewis Hayes (February 28, 1919 - October 30, 2013) whose wife Wilma Doreen Clement (June 13, 1922 - October 15, 2004) was the daughter of Margaret Annie Clement (nee Whelan). [Bob Hayes]

Biographical Information: George Robert James Whelan, son of George Whelan and Lucy Whelan (nee Freeman), was born on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC, on August 16, 1890. [Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13809, Registration #1890-09-182823]

Information about George Robert James Whelan's death is found on his BC Birth Registration. He died at Ellison on August 25, 1890. Registration of his birth and death was on October 8, 1890 by his uncle Thomas Wood. [Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13809, Registration #1890-09-182823]



Memorial marker, Kelowna Pioneer Cemetery

Photo Credit: Robert M. Hayes, July 2008

WHELAN, Mary Ann: (1889 – 1889)

Location: This grave is probably located in the lower hills east of Old Vernon Road on what was called the Cloverdale (Whelan) Ranch. [Carney, Tom. *Memories of the Okanagan*. Unpublished, 1979] [Wilma D. Hayes nee Clement]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

In July 2008, a memorial marker for Mary Ann Whelan and her brother, George Robert James Whelan, was placed on the Whelan Family grave in Kelowna's Pioneer Cemetery.

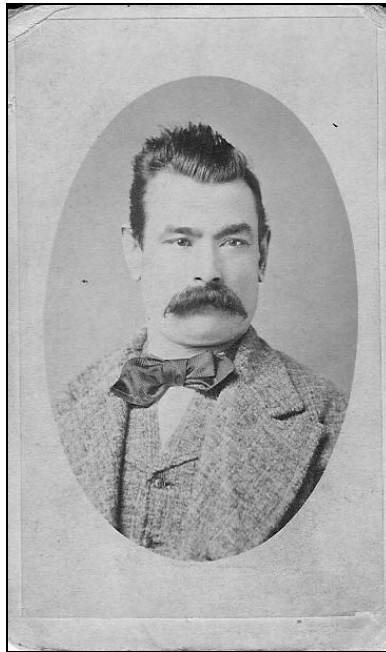
Biographical Information: Mary Ann Whelan was born on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC, on October 13, 1889, daughter of George Whelan and Lucy Whelan (nee Freeman). Mary Ann Whelan lived for only twelve hours. Her birth and death were registered on November 5, 1889 by her uncle, Thomas Wood. [Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13809, Registration #1889-09-182281]

In the 1970s, Mary Ann's sister, Minnie May MacDonnell (nee Whelan), confirmed that her given names were "Mary Ann". [Bob Hayes]

The Whelan Family

George Whelan was born at Clayhill (near Barnet), Hertfordshire, England on May 14, 1844, son of Peter Whelan (anglicized from the Irish spelling of Whaley) (1816 - 1879) and Sarah Cordell Burr (1818 - 1889). [Bob Hayes]

George Whelan left England in 1865, spent five years in New Zealand, and arrived in the Crown Colony of British Columbia in 1870. He travelled to the Okanagan on foot in 1873. [*Vernon News*, Thursday, September 8, 1927]



George Whelan, Victoria, BC, c1870

Photo Credit: Robert M Hayes Collection

The enumeration for the Voters' List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists George Whelan as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

The District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of George Whelan's agricultural worth (\$1600) and personal property worth (\$800). His agricultural holdings included 45 head of cattle, 40 hogs, 6 horses, and 320 acres of land.

In the 1881 Canada Census, George Whelan was living in what is now Ellison district. He was 37 years old, born in England, and was Church of England. His neighbours included William Donaldson, George Simpson and family, and the Postills. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 14; Family 86]

George Whelan married Lucy Freeman on the Fortune Ranch, at Spallumcheen, BC, on September 22, 1882. The civil ceremony was performed by Thomas McKie Lambly, Registrar of the Osoyoos division, district of Yale. One of the witnesses was Alfred Postill. [Marriage Certificate: George Whelan and Lucy Freeman, September 22, 1882] [Whelan Family Bible]

Lucy Freeman was born at Great Chesterford, Essex, England on January 1, 1852, daughter of Samuel Freeman (1825 - 1904) and Lydia Purkiss (1827 - 1867). She trained as a cook. Lucy left England in 1882 and made the long voyage by ship via New York, around the tip of South America to San Francisco, and then to Victoria, BC. From there, she crossed to the mainland and travelled to the North Okanagan, arriving in September of that year. [Tutt, Nellie. *The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958*. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Limited, 1958, pages 14 - 18.] [Bob Hayes]



Whelan family home, Cloverdale Farm, 1886

Left to right: Nellie Florence, Margaret Annie, Lucy holding Lucy Laura, unidentified man, George Whelan on horseback

Photo Credit: Robert M. Hayes Collection

The Whelan family was listed in the 1891 Canada Census. [1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan Division; Page 14; Family 86]

Whelan, George	47 years old	born England	Church of England	farmer
Whelan, Lucy	40 years old	born England	Church of England	
Whelan, Nellie F.	8 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Maggie	6 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Lucy Laura	5 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Minnie May	3 years old	born BC	Church of England	
Freeman, George	36 years old	born England	Church of England	farm labourer
[Lucy Whelan's brother]				
Evans, John	32 years	born Ontario	Methodist	farm labourer

An early indication of George Whelan's extensive agricultural pursuits is found on page 1 of the Thursday, July 23, 1891 edition of the "Vernon News":

Last week the [Vernon] News staff had the pleasure of both seeing and tasting samples of fruit grown in this district well worthy of exhibition anywhere. The

cherries from the orchard of Mr. Geo. Whelan deserve special mention. They are of the "White Heart" variety, very large in size and cannot be excelled as regards taste. The trees were covered with them this year. His raspberries also (owing to practical knowledge of proper cultivation) excel in size any yet seen by us. The almonds from the same orchard, though not yet fully ripe, may be taken as a test of what the soil and climate of the district can produce. The trees are grown from almonds purchased at a store.

In that same year, 1891, a description of George Whelan's agricultural successes appeared on page 1 of the Thursday, September 10, 1891 edition of the "Vernon News":

Across the road [from Joseph Christien] lives Mr. Geo. Whelan, who has an excellent farm and raises immense crops of hay, roots and grain. His orchard is deserving of special mention. There are grapes, almonds, peaches and other semi-tropical fruits, as well as all the hardier varieties. It is a pleasure to walk through his well-kept garden and sample the immense melons, tomatoes, etc. Home-brewed ale is one of the surprises to a stranger partaking of his hospitality.

Having experienced agricultural success, George Whelan decided to increase the extent of his orchard, as indicated in the following article which appeared on page 1 of the Thursday, March 24, 1892 edition of the "Vernon News":

Mr. G. Whelan is planting an additional orchard of 500 apple and 50 prune trees. He is also getting in several bee-hives and intends going into "honey farming" pretty extensively.

The following article appeared in the Thursday, October 5, 1893 edition of the "Vernon News":

One of the most progressive of our farmers, Mr. Whelan, has commenced what promises to be a palatial residence on his farm, the contract being in the hands of Mr. [H.W.] Raymer, who has already shown his skill as a builder by the manner in which he has executed similar contracts.

In 1898, the Agricultural and Trades Association of Okanagan Mission Valley produced a book, Kelowna and its Surroundings, in the Province of British Columbia Dominion of Canada, which promoted the Central Okanagan as a prime place for settlement, agriculture, and business. On page 3 is a description of some of the farms in what is now Ellison district:

Probably the largest ranch in this part of the valley is Mr. Whelan's. It consists of about 700 acres fit for cultivation, with an additional 2,000 acres of range. There is no more successful farmer in the valley than Mr. Whelan. On all sides were abundant signs that the owner is up-to-date in his methods of farming. Though Mr. Whelan does not go in extensively for fruit growing, yet he has a fine orchard of about 600 apple, pear, prune and peach trees.

George and Lucy Whelan and their family were listed in the 1901 Canada Census. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan Division; Page 2; Family 20]

Whelan, George	born May 14, 1844	born England	Church of England	farmer
Whelan, Lucy	born Jan. 1, 1851 [1852]	born England	Church of England	
Whelan, Nellie F.	born Apr. 6, 1882 [1883]	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Maggie	born Sept. 24 [23] 1884	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Lucy Laura	born Mar. 7, 1886	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Minnie May	born Dec. 12, 1887	born BC	Church of England	
Whelan, Robert G.	born Sept. 27 [24] 1892	born BC	Church of England	

Information about the Whelan family is found in The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958 on pages 14 - 18:

George Whelan was born in Hertfordshire, England in 1844 and at the age of twenty-one emigrated to New Zealand. His voyage, made by sailing ship, took several months. After five years there, he heard of the gold strikes in California and the Cariboo. He arrived in Victoria, B.C. in 1870. For some time he mined in the Cariboo and also worked on the preliminary surveys of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Kamloops and Edmonton. In 1873 he travelled to the Okanagan Valley on foot, and worked for a short time for Eli Lequime. In summer he tried his hand at mining on Mission Creek, and during the winter had a trap line extending to the Kootenays. After several years he took up farming and settled for a short time with a partner on property now belonging to the Bankhead Orchards and the Pridham Estate. Later he disposed of his interests for several head of cattle which he sold for fifteen dollars a head. About 1880 he took up a pre-emption which formed the nucleus of the splendid ranch known as Cloverdale Farm. He gave this name to his home because he was the first man to introduce clover into the Okanagan Valley.

Mr. Whelan was a most successful and industrious farmer. He overcame many difficulties and hardships as a pioneer, and had to make many of his own farm implements out of whatever materials were at hand with only a few tools. He made wagon wheels out of a large tree, and harness out of rawhide. He was very happy to possess a grindstone and mower that had been packed in on horseback over the Hope Trail. By adding to his holdings, before he sold to Mr. [W.H.] Cross [in 1907] he owned [more than] three thousand acres, of which one thousand were arable land.

After several years on Cloverdale Farm he had built a log house, roofed with cedar shakes, and with a fireplace and chimney at one end made of field stones and clay. The house was large for the times, with a living room and kitchen combined, two bedrooms on the ground floor and a large upstairs room. He built a log barn and brought water to his fields in open ditches from Mill Creek on the north and from Scotty Creek on the south.

In 1882 his fiancée, Miss Lucy Freeman, made the long journey from Liverpool by way of Cape Horn to Victoria, B.C. thence by boat to Yale, and from there by stage to Spallumcheen (Enderby) where she was met by Mr. Whelan at the Fortune Ranch where they were married.

About 1884 Mr. Whelan planted the first commercial orchard in the district. He took great pride and delight in it although stock raising was his major project as he owned over five hundred head of cattle at one time. He also raised large numbers of hogs which were driven to Vernon on foot to sell at three-and-a-half cents per pound. The trip took about three days.

In 1895 he donated an acre of land on which the first School in the district was built.

In 1896 [1893] Mr. Whelan completed a fine twelve-roomed house, hauling most of the lumber and furnishings from Vernon.

The 1893 Whelan house still stands in 2015. It is located on Lindley Road in Ellison. In keeping with its heritage value, extensive restoration work has been recently done on the exterior, including the replacement of the veranda.



Lucy (nee Freeman) and George Whelan, c1906

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Whelan House on Westholme Farm, Ellison, BC, c1907

Left to right: Robert G. Whelan, Lucy Whelan (nee Freeman), Margaret A. Whelan, George Whelan, Florence Lillian Bell, Nellie F. Bell (nee Whelan), Lucy L. Whelan, Minnie M. Whelan

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George Whelan and Lucy Freeman had seven children:

1. **Nellie Florence Whelan:** born April 6, 1883 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died August 29, 1973 in Kelowna; married 1) Joseph Ferman Bell on December 21, 1904 in Ellison 2) Arthur Lisle Cross in 1957. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13327, Registration #1973-09-012809] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1904-09-166239] [Bob Hayes]*

Joseph Ferman (Frank) Bell: born August 6, 1877 in Arkell, Ontario; died September 3, 1951 in Kelowna. His parents were Joseph and Charlotte Dorey Bell. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13209, Registration #1951-09-008380] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1904-09-166239]*

Arthur Lisle Cross: born June 25, 1885 in Van Kleek Hill, Ontario; died September 8, 1961 in Kelowna. His parents were Albert George Harrison Cross and Charlotte Bangs. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13253, Registration #1961-09-010517] [Archives of Ontario; Marriage Registration: MS932; Reel 174, #012277]*

2. **Margaret Annie (Maggie) Whelan:** born September 23, 1884 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died April 18, 1962 in Kelowna; married Ernest Leslie Clement on December 22, 1909 in Ellison. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13256, Registration #1962-09-005797] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1909-09-166353]*

Ernest Leslie Clement: born November 3, 1882 in Treherne, Manitoba; died October 27, 1947 in Kelowna. His parents were William Charles Clement and Matilda Jane Brown. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13195, Registration #1947-09-009064] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1909-09-166353] [Bob Hayes]*

3. **Lucy Laura Whelan:** born March 6, 1886 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died May 19, 1919 in Kelowna; married John Melchior Bailey on December 16, 1908 in Ellison. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13808, Registration #1886-09-188943] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13116, Registration #1919-09-252637] [Church Marriage Certificate: Lucy Laura Whelan and John Melchior Bailey, December 16, 1908 in Ellison]*

John Melchior (Mel) Bailey: born June 9, 1883 in Clarksburg, Ontario; died August 6, 1964 in Kelowna. His parents were Elisha Rezeau Bailey and Annie Brown. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13268, Registration #1964-09-010698] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13746, Registration #1923-09-264479] [Bob Hayes]*

John Melchior Bailey married 1) Lucy Laura Whelan on December 16, 1908 in Ellison, BC 2) Rose Modjewski on October 5, 1923 in the Presbyterian Church at Benvoulin now part of Kelowna. She was born in Warsaw, Poland c1887, daughter of Martin Modjewski and Pauline Lairmed (?). *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13746, Registration #1923-09-264479]*

4. **Minnie May Whelan:** born December 12, 1887 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died November 1, 1986 in Summerland, BC; married Augustus Meade Macdonnell on July 11, 1914 in Ellison. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13808, Registration #1887-09-188944] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B16584, Registration #1986-09-019463] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1914-09-142119]*

Augustus (Gus) Meade Macdonnell: born May 31, 1885 in County Cork, Ireland; died January 7, 1978 in Kelowna. His parents were Dennis Augustus Macdonnell and Jane Orr. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13583, Registration #1978-09-001573] [Bob Hayes]*

5. **Mary Ann Whelan:** born October 13, 1889 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died October 13, 1889 on the Cloverdale Ranch. Buried in Ellison. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13809, Registration #1889-09-182281] [Carney, Tom. Memoirs of Tom Carney]*

6. **George Robert James Whelan:** born August 16, 1890 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died August 25, 1890 on the Cloverdale Ranch. Buried in Ellison. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13809, Registration #1890-09-182823] [Carney, Tom. Memoirs of Tom Carney]*
7. **Robert (Bob) George Whelan:** born September 24, 1892 on the Cloverdale Ranch, Ellison, BC; died January 17, 1944 in Kelowna. He did not marry. *[Birth Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13810, Registration #1892-09-188949] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13182, Registration #1944-09-638050]*



Left to right: Lucy Laura, Minnie May, Margaret Annie, and Robert George Whelan, c1905

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Lucy Whelan (nee Freeman) died at Vancouver on September 10, 1911, at the age of 59. Her body was brought to Kelowna for burial in Kelowna Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13099, Registration #1911-09-132658]*

The following obituary appeared in the September 14, 1911 edition of the "Vernon News", page 8:

We truly regret to report the sad and sudden death of Mrs. George Whelan, which occurred on Sunday, in Vancouver, where she had undergone an operation, to all appearances successfully. She was improving daily, and her friends fondly hoped she was past danger when complications set in and she passed away on Sunday. The news of her death was received here with sincere sorrow. Mrs. Whelan was a lady who to be loved had only to be known, an exemplary wife and mother, a kind considerate neighbor, her loss will never be replaced. She was 59 years of age. She leaves a husband, four daughters and one young son, now absent at school across the border, to mourn her loss.

The following article appeared in the September 22, 1911 edition of the "Vernon News", page 6:

The funeral of Mrs. George Whelan took place from her home at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Vance, of Rutland, conducting the funeral service. Considering the day had every appearance of rain, the funeral was a large one and bore evidence to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The pallbearers were Messrs. Bailey, Crowley, Carney, Conroy, Bulman and Geen. Sincere sympathy is expressed for the bereaved relatives.



Three of the Whelan daughters with their husbands and children, 1911

Standing: Ernest Leslie Clement, John Melchior Bailey, Joseph Ferman Bell

Sitting with their children: Margaret Annie Clement with Leslie George William Clement;
Lucy Laura Bailey with Verna May Bailey; Nellie Florence Bell with Florence Lillian Bell

Photo Credit: Robert M. Hayes Collection

George Whelan died in his residence Westholme, Ellison, BC on August 14, 1927, at the age of 83. He was buried in the Whelan family plot in Kelowna Cemetery. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13132, Registration #1927-09-391727]*

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, September 8, 1927 edition of the "Vernon News":

George Whelan Made Equipment For His Own Use

Old-Timer Worked With Such Tools As He Could Get in the Early Days

The fast thinning ranks of the real old-timers of the Okanagan were further depleted on Sunday morning [August 14] by the sudden passing at his farm home at Ellison of George Whelan, for fifty-four years a resident of the Kelowna district, or what, prior to 1892, was known generally as Mission Valley. Although still able to move about the house, he had been gradually failing in health and, while the end came quickly, it was not entirely unexpected, says a recent issue of the Kelowna Courier.

Mr. Whelan had passed his eighty-third birthday, having been born in Hertfordshire, England, on May 14th, 1844. He emigrated to New Zealand at the age of twenty-one, the passage taking several months by sailing ship. He spent five years in the southern Dominion, but the lure of the gold excitement in the Cariboo drew him to British Columbia. He landed at Victoria in 1870 and proceeded to the goldfields, where he spent three years in mining and working

on preliminary surveys of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Kamloops and Edmonton.

Tiring of the north country, especially as he had not found it productive of wealth in his own particular case, he set out for the Okanagan Valley, which he reached on September 18th, 1873, carrying all his worldly possessions on his back. While on the way to the Mission Valley, he met [George William] Simpson, after whom the well-known Simpson ranch was named, and asked him for a job, but was told that he had better see the "King," otherwise Eli Lequime, who was the big man of the valley in those far-off days. He worked for others for a short time and took a chance at mining on Mission Creek, which was then regularly worked for placer. After a few months of this, he formed a partnership with John Moore [John Blatchford Moore] and started trapping on what was known as the Tronson and Brewer line, which extended from the Mission Valley to Fort Shepherd, in the Kootenay. Three winters proved enough of that kind of life and he turned his attention to the land, which was his real vocation and at which he achieved marked success.

Sold Land For Few Cattle

He settled for a short time with a partner on what later was the Nicholson property and now includes the Pridham and Bankhead estates. Later, he disposed of his interest in that fine tract for a few head of cattle, which he sold for fifteen dollars a head. Seeking a new location, he took up a pre-emption which formed the nucleus of the splendid ranch known widely as Cloverdale Farm, and thus named by him because he was the first to introduce clover into the valley.

Mr. Whelan was a most industrious and successful farmer, but he encountered many difficulties and hardships as a pioneer. He had to "bach" for some eight years and had to make out of such materials as he could obtain and with what tools he had many of his farm implements such as wagons, harness and other necessary equipment. He rejoiced in the possession of a mover [mower] and a grindstone, which had been packed in on horseback over the Hope trail.

Planted Orchard 44 Years Ago

Ever an optimist as to the wonderful variety of products the valley was capable of raising, Mr. Whelan planted an orchard so far back as 44 years ago, and some of these trees are still producing heavy crops. Amongst his early plantings were almond trees, which he succeeded in bringing to fruition. While he farmed on an increasingly larger scale as he added to his holdings of land, and stock raising was the most important branch of his operations, he took great pride and delight in his orchard, and he made a practice of spraying his trees before sunrise with water when low temperatures threatened damage to the blossom.

Mr. Whelan's "baching" days came to a happy close when, on September 22, 1882, he was married to Miss Lucy Freeman, of Essex, England, who made the long trip from the Old Country alone via New York, San Francisco and Victoria, and thence by trail and stage to the Spallumcheen, where the wedding took place.

Receiving a tempting offer in 1907 for Cloverdale from W.H. Cross, of Winnipeg, who, in turn sold soon afterwards to Thos. Bulman, the present owner. Mr. Whelan accepted it and moved to another property he owned nearby, West Home [Westholme] Farm, where he resided until his death.

Many Relatives

Mrs. Whelan predeceased him sixteen years ago. Of the union four daughters [five daughters] and one son [two sons] were born, the late Mrs. J.M. Bailey, of Rutland, Mrs. J.F. Bell, of Ellison, Mrs. E.L. Clement, of Kelowna, Mrs. A. Macdonnell, of Winfield, and Mr. Robert Whelan, of Ellison. One brother still survives in England, Mr. Robert Whelan, of Barnet, and other surviving relatives include a brother-in-law, Mr. Thos. Wood, of Vernon, three nieces, Mrs. L. Jamieson, of Vernon, Mrs. J.T. Johnston, of Vancouver, Mrs. E.J. Tingley, of Victoria, and a nephew, Mr. J.S. Patch, of Vancouver.

While he lived a retired life latterly, Mr. Whelan possessed a large circle of friends, who esteemed him for his rugged integrity and sincerity, his bluff and frank manner of speech, and admired his unfailing faith and fealty to the home of his choice through all the long years of his residence. When he had made a competence and had retired from active work, he did not desert the valley as others have done but continued to make it his preferred choice of abode and was happy in it.

The funeral took place on Tuesday to the Kelowna Cemetery, the attendance being one of the largest on any such occasion in recent years. The cortege of cars which followed the pioneer to his last resting-place was strung out along the road for nearly two miles. Service was held at the residence at Ellison by Rev. J.A. Dow, of the United Church. The pall-bearers were all old-timers, including Messrs. M. Hereon [Heron], J. Carney, Geo. Monford, R.S. Hall, T. Bulman and C.H. Geen.

Whelan Creek in Ellison district is named after this family.

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The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS acknowledges the late Tom Carney; the late Wilma Hayes (nee Clement); the late Minnie Macdonnell (nee Whelan); and the late Margaret Clement (nee Whelan) for providing information about these burials.

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- Denis, Pierre
- Johns, Hector
- Johns, Elizabeth Lily (nee Pickering)
- Johns, Nancy
- Johns, Alfred Norman
 - Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park
- Taggart, Alfred

DENIS, Pierre: (c1824 – 1875)

Location: Based upon research by Susan Campbell and Bob Hayes, the indications are that Pierre Denis' grave is probably located on his property near Mission Creek, east of Benvoulin Road and south of Harvey Avenue.

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Pierre Denis was born in France c1824. By August of 1860 he was living in the Colville Valley, Washington Territory, USA with his wife Margaret (Marguerite) and their infant daughter Mary (Marie). He was listed as Peter Dennis on the 1860 US Census. [1860 US Census: Washington Territory, Spokane County, Colville Valley; Page 161; Family 23]

The marriage of a Peter Denis to Margaret Nilposen took place in Stevens County, Washington Territory on February 14, 1864. Both were residents of Colville Valley, Stevens County, Washington. Stevens County was created in 1863, the year prior to this marriage. This couple is probably the Pierre Denis and Margaret who moved to the Central Okanagan. [Western States Marriage Index, 1809-2011]

There is some question about Margaret Denis' maiden name. The February 14, 1864 marriage registration listed above records her maiden name as Nilposen. Margaret Denis married for a second time to John Henry Hayward in Vernon district on April 22, 1881. Her BC Marriage Registration lists "Marguerite Dennis" as the daughter of "Louis (Iroquois)" and "Marguerite Louis" and born at Colville, Washington, United States c1845. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1881-09-16652]

The 1860 United States Census for Colville Valley, Spokane County, Washington Territory provides information about Pierre Denis and his family. [1860 US Census: Washington Territory, Spokane County, Colville Valley; Page 161; Family 23]

Dennis [Denis], Peter	36 years old	born France	farmer
Dennis [Denis], Margaret	18 years old	born Washington Territory	Indian
Dennis [Denis], Mary	9/12 years old	born Washington Territory	Indian

The Denis family was living in the Central Okanagan Valley as early as 1868. Pierre Denis was named as the godfather of Marie Jenny Lacerte, daughter of William and Marie Lacerte, who was baptized September 27, 1868 at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception (now commonly known as the Father Pandosy Mission). [Parish Registers: Mission of the Immaculate Conception]

This 1868 baptismal record is probably the earliest Okanagan reference to Pierre Denis. Some of the parish registers of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception Church, written in French, were translated and transcribed by Bob Hayes on March 23, 2000 in the Diocese of Kootenay Archives

at Nelson, BC. The April 24, 1871 baptism of Pierre and Marguerite Denis' daughter, Justine, at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, is the next known record of the Denis family living in the Central Okanagan.

On September 29, 1873, Pierre Denis filed his pre-emption claim for 320 acres in the Central Okanagan Valley. [*British Columbia Public Archives: P.H. No.1 Osoyoos Field Notes. List of early Central Okanagan pre-emption holders, page 56*]

Information about Pierre Denis, including his death, is found in a document listing early Central Okanagan pre-emptions. [*British Columbia Public Archives: P.H. No.1 Osoyoos Field Notes. List of early Central Okanagan pre-emption holders, page 56*]

Pierre Denis

Originally pre-empted 320 Acres, 29th Sept. 1873. The most of this claim having washed away, he was latterly allowed to pay taxes on 160 or 80 acres; at present I can only lay out 66 4/10 acres, as fit for use: this man [Pierre Denis] committed suicide last fall (1875) & the property fell to his (Indian) Wife, Mr Thomas Christian was the sole Executor & he has been accidentally killed. [See Note below]

The land has been surveyed in order to protect her property, which consists of a good dwelling house & some out houses, & about 40 acres of fenced land....about 50 acres pretty good farming land.

Pierre Denis died in the fall of 1875 from an apparent suicide. Since his death was attributed to suicide, it is unlikely that Pierre Denis was buried in consecrated ground. His body was probably buried on his property near Mission Creek. [*British Columbia Public Archives: P.H. No.1 Osoyoos Field Notes. List of early Central Okanagan pre-emption holders, page 56*]

Thomas Christien was the sole executor and holder of Pierre Denis' will. Further information about his fatal accident is found on page 8 of Grassroots of Lumby 1877 – 1927:

...Thomas Christien, was born in St. Anicet, Quebec, in 1831 or 1833, and was a brother of Louis and Joseph, early settlers in Okanagan Mission....

Tom and Louis were gold mining on Cherry Creek (possibly 1876) and when dinner hour came, Tom insisted on continuing to loosen a stump which had been blasted but was not quite free. It dragged him in the creek with it when it finally got free. He is said to have been buried at Okanagan Mission.

Following the death of Thomas Christien, Pierre Denis' will probably passed into the hands of Thomas' brother, Joseph Christien, who was later called upon to produce this document in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. [*British Columbia Public Archives: probate – Pierre Denis; GR – 1562 No. B09609 File No. 1248 / 1881*]

Some interesting personal details about Pierre Denis and his family are found on page 70 in the transcribed and unpublished memoirs of William Brent, who was born in the Central Okanagan in October 1873. His parents, Frederick and Mary Ann Brent, settled in the Okanagan in 1865 at the south end of Duck Lake. In 1870, the Brents relocated to property on Mill Creek, closer to Okanagan Lake. They would most certainly have known Pierre Denis and family who lived close by, to the south of their property. [Tutt, Nellie. *The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958*. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing Ltd., 1958] [Hutchison, John, ed. *Transcription of William Brent Memoirs*, unpublished]

Now we again come to William Smithson [whose property was situated to the east of east of Benvoulin Road near Mission Creek] whom we have already described. Next to him was Theadore Dennis [Pierre Denis], a frenchman who

through some accident or otherwise shot himself [1875]. He was the father of Mrs. Norman MacDonald who sold out and moved to Grand Forks [BC]. Before Norman MacDonald acquired the place John B. Moore lived on the estate for a good many years also. [Hutchison, John, ed. *Transcription of William Brent Memoirs*, unpublished]

In the District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B, Marguerite Denis, widow of Pierre Denis, was listed as owning 200 head of cattle, 32 sheep, 10 hogs, and 12 horses. Her 66 acres of land were valued at \$300 and personal property at \$3000.

Marguerite Denis married John Henry Hayward in Vernon district on April 22, 1881. The marriage was performed at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception by Father Pierre Richard, O.M.I. The witnesses were Eli Lequime and Charles Christien. At the time of her marriage, Marguerite was listed as a widow, 36 years old, born at Colville, Washington, daughter of Louis (Iroquois) and Marguerite Louis. John Henry Hayward was 35 years old and was born at Canterbury, Kent, England, son of Charles and Esther Hayward. He was a farmer and his religion at the time of marriage was Episcopalian. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1881-09-166521]

Marguerite and John Henry Hayward were listed in the 1881 Canada Census with her two children, Pierre and Rosalina. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 16; Family 95]

Hayward, John H.	36 years old	born England	English	miner
Hayward, Margret	36 years old	born US	Indian	
Hayward, Pier Dennis	5 years old	born BC	English [French]	
Hayward, Rosalina	2 years old	born BC	Indian [English]	

After 1881, Marguerite Hayward and family moved south to the Colville, Washington area, near where she had been born. By the time the June 30, 1896 US Indian Census was taken, Marguerite Hayward was a widow. [1896 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; Page 322]

Marguerite Hayward and some of her family were listed in the June 30 1909 Indian Census for Colville, Washington. [1909 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; Page 73]

Hayward, Margaret	77 years old	widow
Hayward, Pierre D [Denis]	34 years old	son [note added that Pierre died Sept. 12, 1909]
Hayward, Joseph D	23 years old	son
Hayward, Arthur	30 years old	son
Hayward, Hercules	28 years old	son
Norden, Rosalie Hayward	9 years old	grand daughter, child of Rosalie Hayward
Neoyes, Dora	7 years old	grand daughter, child of Rosalie Hayward

Marguerite Hayward was living with her daughter Rosalie H. Norden when the June 30, 1916 Indian Census was taken in Colville, Washington. [1916 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; Page 38]

Marguerite Louis Denis Hayward's date and place of death have not been located.

Pierre Denis (c1824 - 1875) and Marguerite had at least three children:

1. **Mary (Marie) Denis:** born c1859 in Colville, Washington Territory, USA; died after 1916; married 1) Nicholas Hare on July 16, 1873 in Okanagan Mission; 2) Lelievre (given names not known); 3) Norman Ohilo MacDonald on April 7, 1884 in Victoria, BC. [1916 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; Page 38] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1873-09-166520] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11367, Registration #1884-09-002711]

Nicholas Hare: born c1830 at Octeville, France, son of Nicolas Hare and Victoire Martin; date and place of death not known. At the time of his marriage, Nicholas Hare was a

farmer and his religion was Catholic. The marriage was performed locally at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception by Father J.M. Baudre, O.M.I. The witnesses to this marriage were Pierre and Marguerite Denis. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1873-09-166520]*

Lelievre (given names not known): In the April 7, 1884 BC Marriage Registration of Mary, daughter of Pierre and Marguerite Denis, to Norman Ohilo MacDonald, Mary was listed as "Mary Lelievre, widow". This indicates that there was a marriage after 1881 when she was still referred to as "Mary Hare" in her petitions to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. See information below about this petition. Therefore, Mary's marriage to Lelievre probably took place between 1881 and 1884. No additional information has been found. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11367, Registration #1884-09-002711]*

Norman Ohilo MacDonald: born in Scotland c1854, son of Hugh and Flora McDonald. (Surname spellings are from his 1884 BC Marriage Registration.) At the time of his marriage, Norman MacDonald was listed as a freighter and his religion was Catholic. No information has been located about the date and place of his death. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11367, Registration #1884-09-002711]*

Marie MacDonald and her daughter Christiana were listed in the 1901 Canada Census. *[1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale East, Yale and Cariboo; Page 5; Family 49]*

McDonald, Marie	head, married	born in United States, October 15, 1860
McDonald, Christiana	daughter	born in British Columbia, November 17, 1900

2. **Justine Denis:** baptized April 24, 1871 at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception; parents listed as Pierre Denis and Marguerite; no additional information. Justine Denis may have died young. *[British Columbia Vital Statistics: Baptisms: Index only, not microfilmed]*
3. **Pierre Denis:** born c1876 in the Central Okanagan, BC; died September 12, 1909 in Gifford, Stevens County, Washington, USA. His Washington State Death Registration lists him as 33 years old. No proof of a marriage has been found. *[Washington Select Death Certificates, 1907-1960; FHL Film #1991657, Ref. ID: 93] [1909 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; P.73]*

The United States Indian Census, taken June 30, 1894, listed Pierre Dennis (Denis) with his sister Mary McDonald and her husband, Norman. Marguerite Hayward, the mother of Mary McDonald (nee Denis) and Pierre Denis, was listed on the same census page. *[1894 US Indian Census: Washington, Colville; Page 30]*

Hayward, Margaret	Mother	45 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
Hayward, Roseylea [?]	Daughter	15 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
Hayward, Arthur A.	Son	12 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
Hayward, Louis	Son	7 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
Hayward, Charles	Son	4/12 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
McDonald, Norman	Father [?]	25 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
McDonald, Mary	Mother [?]	25 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington
Dennis, Pierre	Brother	18 years old	Okanogan Reservation	Washington

When Pierre Denis Sr. died in 1875, his son Pierre was not yet born. Pierre Sr.'s widow Marguerite remarried in 1881 and had a second family.

In response to a request for information about Pierre Denis, Diane Wardle, Archives Technician at the British Columbia Archives, wrote a letter to Bob Hayes which accompanied a copy of Pierre Denis' probate file. Portions of this letter follow. *[Wardle, Diane to Bob Hayes, October 28, 2004]*

I have only been able to locate a probate file for Pierre Denis who died "on or about the month of March, 1876" [autumn 1875] which consists of 9 pages.

There was no reference to a Pierre Denis in our vital events information. I was also able to locate the marriage registration for his daughter Mary and her husband Norman Ohilo MacDonald which states that Pierre was her father.

The probate file and marriage registration states that his wife's name was Marguerite / Margaret and states that he died of suicide. It also notes that shortly after the death of the deceased, that his wife had a son who was also called Pierre. In the Probate the daughter is the petitioner and calls herself Marie Hare, residing at Kamloops. I looked for a reference to an inquest / inquiry into his suicide but could find no such reference.

Pierre and Marguerite's daughter, Marie Hare, was concerned about her father's estate and the future of her young brother. In 1881, Marie Hare petitioned the Supreme Court of British Columbia seeking custody of her younger brother, Pierre Denis, and control of their late father's estate. Pierre Denis, Sr. had written a will which was apparently in the possession of the local Christien family. *[British Columbia Public Archives: probate - Pierre Denis; GR - 1562 No. B09609 File 1248 / 1881]*

A transcription follows of some of the information in the Denis probate file:

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

To the Honourable Alexander Rocke Robertson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia

The Humble Petition of Marie Hare at present residing at Kamloops – Relict of Nicholas Hare formerly of Kamloops and lately of France

Sheweth:

Pierre Denis late of Okanagan Farmer departed this life in or about the month of March 1876 [autumn 1875] leaving him surviving your Petitioner his daughter and Margaret his wife.

At the time of the death of the said Pierre Denis his wife the said Margaret was enceinte and shortly after the death of the said Pierre Denis the said Margaret was borne of a male child the brother of your Petitioner The said child is now about five years of age and has been baptized his Christian name being Pierre.

Your Petitioner is informed that the said Pierre Denis died testate – That he left a will which is now in the possession of one Joseph Christian [Christien] of Okanagan farmer but which has not been proved in this Honourable Court.

Your Petitioner is further informed that the said Will devised the property of the Testator to the child of whom his wife was enceinte at the time of his death.

The said Margaret Denis has since intermarried with one [John Henry] Hayward and has essayed to dispose of a farm at Okanagan of which the said Pierre Denis died possessed for the price of \$250 which price your Petitioner believes is far below the value of the farm.

The said Pierre, the child above mentioned is now living at Okanagan with his mother [Margaret Hayward, formerly Denis].

Your Petitioner has ample means to maintain & educate the said child and is desirous of so doing and of protecting the child in the property left by the will of

his father – The said Margaret is not well able to maintain and educate the child but is willing that your Petitioner should have custody of that child.

Your Petitioner has not been able to obtain possession or a copy of the said will.

Your Petitioner humbly prays

That your Lordship will appoint your Petitioner the Guardian of the said infant Pierre Denis for the purpose of his maintenance and education and award to her the custody of the said Pierre Denis.

That your Lordship will also be pleased to appoint the said your Petitioner the Guardian of the Estate of the said Pierre Denis.

And your Petitioner will ever pray etc.
Marie Hare [signed]

I Marie Hare the above named Petitioner make oath and very [verify?] that the statements contained in the foregoing Petition are true.

Marie Hare [signed]

Sworn before me at Kamloops the 29th day of July AD 1881.
G.C. [George] Tunstall
Registrar S.C.

The above petition re: Pierre Denis was filed at the Clinton, British Columbia Registry on August 17, 1881 by G.C. Tunstall, Registrar S.C.

The following letter dated August 12, 1881, included in Pierre Denis' probate file, was sent to Marie Hare by the Victoria, BC firm of Davie & Pooley, Barristers & Attorneys-at-Law:

Mrs. Hare – Kamloops

Madam,

Mr. Justice Robertson was unwilling to grant the pray of your Petition (enclosed) until he had seen the will. For this purpose it will be necessary to cite Mr. Christian [Joseph Christien] to produce it – and enclosed is a summons which you will ask the Judge to sign and a copy of which must be served on Mr. Christian. Upon the will being produced you will renew your application for your appointment as guardian which we think will be granted. You will hand the Petition to Mr. Tunstall to file.

Yours truly
Davie & Pooley

Your charges are \$10.

On September 26, 1881, the Honourable Alexander Rocke Robertson, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, wrote the following letter, which is included in Pierre Denis' probate file:

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia
In the matter of the Will of Pierre Denis late of Okanagan, Farmer deceased

Upon Reading the Petition of Marie Hare and the affidavit of verification thereto annexed filed in this Honourable Court at Kamloops I do order that Joseph

Christian [Christien] of Okanagan farmer [indecipherable] and he is hereby cited to produce to the Registrar of this Honourable Court at Kamloops on or before the first day of October AD 1881, any will or testamentary disposition of the above named Pierre Denis in the possession or control of the said Joseph Christian [Christien].

Dated the 26 day of September AD 1881
A Rocke Robertson [signed]

On September 30, 1881, Joseph Christien was issued a summons by Charles Lawson to produce a copy of Pierre Denis' will. [*Pierre Denis Probate File*]

On September 30, 1881, Joseph Christien sent the following letter to the Registrar of the Court, at Kamloops. [*Pierre Denis Probate File*]

Enclosed please find the will of the Late Pierre Dennis [Denis] being in the papers of the said Pierre Dennis in my possession.

I take the liberty of enclosing my bill as I had to ride [illegible] fourteen miles to catch the mail.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Joseph Christien

Pierre Denis' will has not been located in his probate file, nor is there an indication if Marie Hare's petition to the courts for control of her father's estate and guardianship of her younger brother Pierre was granted.

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BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11386, Registration #1881-09-166521

BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11367, Registration #1884-09-002711



View of Mission Creek as it winds through Gallagher's Canyon, c1915

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #1657



Fishing up Mission Creek, c1910

Photographer: G.H.E. Hudson

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #3551

JOHNS, Hector: (1886 – 1965)

Location: This memorial plaque is located on the Johns property east of Lakeshore Road in Kelowna's Upper Okanagan Mission.

Transcription: JOHNS / Hector / 1886 - 1965 / Elizabeth L. / 1888 - 1983 / They Loved This Land

Biographical Information: Hector Johns was born at Clarence, Ontario on February 17, 1886, son of Samuel Johns (born Wales) and Margaret Gardner (born Scotland). He spent his childhood on the family farm beside the Ottawa River. [*Okanagan Historical Society. Thirty-first Report. Vernon: Vernon News Ltd., 1967, page 175*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039*]

Hector Johns came to British Columbia in late 1909 and married Elizabeth Lily Pickering at Vernon, August 3, 1916. At the time of his marriage, his profession was listed as teamster. Hector Johns died at Kelowna on November 6, 1965 age 79. [*Okanagan Historical Society. Thirty-first Report. Vernon: Vernon News Ltd., 1967, page 175*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13274, Registration #1965-09-013973*]

In the 1921 Canada Census, the Johns family was living at Nahun on the west side of Okanagan Lake. Hector's brother Stuart was living with the family. [*1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 1; Family 10*]

Johns, Hector	age 35	born Ontario	Presbyterian	logger
Johns, Elizabeth L.	age 32	born England	Ch. of England	immigrated 1914
Johns, Sydney H.	age 3	born BC	Ch. of England	
Johns, Alfred N.	age 1	born BC	Ch. of England	
Johns, Rosemary M.	age 3/12	born BC	Ch. of England	
Johns, Stuart S.	age 23	born Ontario	Presbyterian	logger

The following obituary appeared in the "Kelowna Daily Courier", Wednesday, November 10, 1965, page 3:

Pioneer Okanagan Lake Logger Hector Johns Buried Today

Hector Johns, one of Kelowna's earliest pioneers has died in the Kelowna General hospital at the age of 78 [79] years.

Mr. Johns first came to the Valley when he was 19 setting up a logging business on Okanagan Lake. He had previously been a river driver in both eastern Canada and New York [State].

Shortly after his marriage he cleared and drained a large tract of land near Mission Creek in the Okanagan, now known as the Johns Ranch.

Mr. Johns is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two sons, Sydney of Fort St. John and Alfred of Kelowna, two daughters, Mrs. T. Merkley of Burnaby and Nancy of Kelowna. Mr. Johns is also survived by one brother, five sisters, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held from the Garden Chapel on Nov. 9 at 3:30 p.m. with the Rev. E. S. Somers officiating.

Clarke and Dixon are in charge of arrangements.

Additional information about Hector Johns appears on pages 175 - 176 of the Thirty-first Report of the Okanagan Historical Society in an article written by his daughter, Rosemary Merkley:

Hector Johns was born at Clarence in Russel [Russell] County, Ontario in 1886, the fifth child of a family of eleven. He spent his boyhood on a farm along the Ottawa River. At age 13 he started his logging career in Ontario. In those days the men working in the logging camps went many miles back into the backwoods only coming out with the log drive on the river in the spring. Their main diet was salt pork and beans and the going wage was about thirty dollars a month and board. Later he worked in the Adirondack Mountains in New York State for 2 or 3 years and in 1909 he headed west on a harvest excursion, helping with the harvest near Hanna, Alta., that fall and then coming on to Vancouver after the grain was off. He worked in Vancouver's rain and mud for several weeks until seeing a sign saying "Why work in the rain when you can work in the sunny Okanagan," whereupon he and his friend Homer Cleveland packed their tools and headed for that Sunny Okanagan.

On arrival at Kelowna his first job was freighting to the Belgo Dam. After that he cleared land, mostly in the Okanagan Mission area, and contracted logging jobs at various places up and down the valley on both sides of the Lake. He started contracting for Dave Lloyd Jones in 1916 and was with the Kelowna Sawmill until it changed hands.

In 1916, also, he married Miss Elizabeth Pickering from London, England and there were four children by this marriage. In 1928 he bought the present home farm from Mr. Thomas Murray, the major portion of which he had to clear, eventually stocking it with beef cattle bought at 2 ½ cents per pound. After moving to the farm he spent several more winters logging and in 1947 he built a log cabin on land he had purchased previously in the hills south of Cedar Creek. There he spent a very active retirement until he again moved to the home farm just 2 years before his death on November 6, 1965. He was a man that loved his horses, using them to the last of his bush operations. One old horse now 31 years old still survives – a remaining link with the past.

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Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039

Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13274, Registration #1965-09-013973

JOHNS, Elizabeth Lily (nee Pickering): (1888 – 1983)

Location: This memorial plaque is located on the Johns property east of Lakeshore Road in Kelowna's Upper Okanagan Mission.

Transcription: JOHNS / Hector / 1886 - 1965 / Elizabeth L. / 1888 - 1983 / They Loved This Land

Biographical Information: Elizabeth Lily Pickering was born at London, England on June 9, 1888, daughter of George William Pickering (clerk) and Ruth Amelia Royer. She came to British Columbia in 1914 and married Hector Johns at Vernon, August 3, 1916. The Johns family lived at Okanagan Mission for many years. Elizabeth Lily Johns died at Kelowna on March 4, 1983 age 94 years. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039] ["Kelowna Daily Courier", Friday, May 4, 1979, page 8] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13628, Registration #1983-09-004262]

Elizabeth Lily Johns was featured in the Friday, May 4, 1979 edition of the "Kelowna Daily Courier", page 8:

SENIOR OF THE WEEK

Featured senior of the week is Mrs. Johns, affectionately called Liz by the staff and residents of Strathcona Manor. She was born in London, England in 1888 and as a child always longed for green grass and open spaces and would walk for miles just to take off her shoes and bury her toes in the green sward of some park. After leaving school, she took up sewing and worked as a theatrical dressmaker, enjoying in particular the hustle and bustle of Christmas pantomimes. Mrs. Johns emigrated to Canada and Kelowna in 1914 and has never been back to her native land; she considers life in the Okanagan one long and lovely holiday. In 1916 she married Hector Johns and spent the next 11 years in his logging camps up and down the Valley, cooking for the crews and raising their four children. In 1928, with all the children in school, it became necessary to live in a more convenient location, so the couple purchased land on Swamp Road and built their home there. For many years Mrs. Johns was a member of St. Andrew's Guild and during the war busied herself sewing for the Red Cross. She has always possessed a great sense of humor, mixed with a quick temper, and still loves a good laugh. With failing eyesight and unwillingly confined to a wheelchair, she still keeps a cheerful outlook for better days ahead.

The following obituary appeared in the "Kelowna Daily Courier", Monday, March 7, 1983, page 18:

JOHNS – Mrs. Elizabeth Lily Johns of Kelowna, B.C. passed away on Friday, March 4, 1983 at the age of 94 years. Predeceased by her husband Hector and a son Sydney. She is survived by 1 son Alfred of Kelowna, 2 daughters Miss Nancy Johns of Kelowna, Mrs. Rosemary Merkley of Burnaby, 9 Grandchildren and 13 Great grandchildren. No flowers please, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Services will be held from St. Andrews Anglican Church Lakeshore Rd. on Tuesday, March 8, 1983 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Peter Lucas officiating. Cremation to follow. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Garden Chapel.

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Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13628, Registration #1983-09-004262



Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 14 December 2012

JOHNS, Nancy: (1922 – 2002)

Location: This memorial plaque is located on the Johns property east of Lakeshore Road in Kelowna's Upper Okanagan Mission District.

Transcription: JOHNS / Nancy / 1922 - 2002 / She Too Loved / This Land

Biographical Information: Nancy Johns was born at Kelowna, December 22, 1922 to Hector Johns and Elizabeth Lily Pickering. She lived with her brother Alfred on their property at Okanagan Mission. [*"Daily Courier", Thursday, January 3, 2002, page A-4*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039*]

The following obituary appeared in the "Daily Courier", Thursday, January 3, 2002, page A-4:

JOHNS, NANCY: Born on December 22, 1922 in Kelowna, B.C., passed away on January 1, 2002 in Kelowna, B.C. She is survived by her loving family: brother Alf Johns of Kelowna; sister Rosemary Merkley of Burnaby, B.C.; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother Syd Johns of Fort St. John. A Funeral Service will be held at the Chapel of Springfield Funeral

Home, 2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C. on Saturday, January 5, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, 4480 Oak Street, Room B321, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 3V4. Funeral arrangements by Springfield Funeral Home.

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Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039



Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 14 December 2012

JOHNS, Alfred Norman: (1919 – 2011)

Location: This memorial plaque is located on the Johns property east of Lakeshore Road in Kelowna's Upper Okanagan Mission.

Transcription: JOHNS / Alfred / 1919 – 2011 / He Also Loved / This Land

Biographical Information: Alfred (Alf) Norman Johns was born in the Central Okanagan in 1919, son of Hector Johns and Elizabeth Lily Pickering. He lived in Kelowna's Mission area and, for many years, operated the Johns family ranch. Alfred Johns did not marry. [*"Daily Courier", Monday, March 21, 2011, page A-4.*] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182039]

The following obituary appeared in the "Daily Courier", Monday, March 21, 2011, page A4:

JOHNS, Alfred Norman

1919 - 2011

Alf passed away on March 15, 2011, at his beloved home in the Okanagan mountains. He is predeceased by his father Hector Johns, mother Elizabeth Johns, brother Sid, sister Rosemary, and sister Nancy. Alf is survived by his nieces and nephews: Heather Basigin, Wayne Johns, Stewart Johns, Gary Johns, Peter Merkley, Jenelle Merkley, Shelby Merkley, Susan Wuthrich, and Josephine Duguay as well as his close family friends. Alf loved the Okanagan, its land and its wildlife. Alf's and his family's legacy will continue on through his generous gift of park land to the Central Okanagan Parks & Wildlife Trust. The land is gifted on behalf of the Johns Family in the hope that those that love nature as they did, will continue to enjoy the land for generations to come. At Alf's request, there will be no funeral service. The family will gather in a private ceremony for Alf on the family land. Those friends wishing to make memorial contributions in memory of Alf may do so to the Central Okanagan Parks & Wildlife Trust, care of Suite 2 1889 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC, V1V 5V5. Alf will be remembered for his strength of character, wry humour, and commitment to the heritage of the Okanagan's land and wildlife.

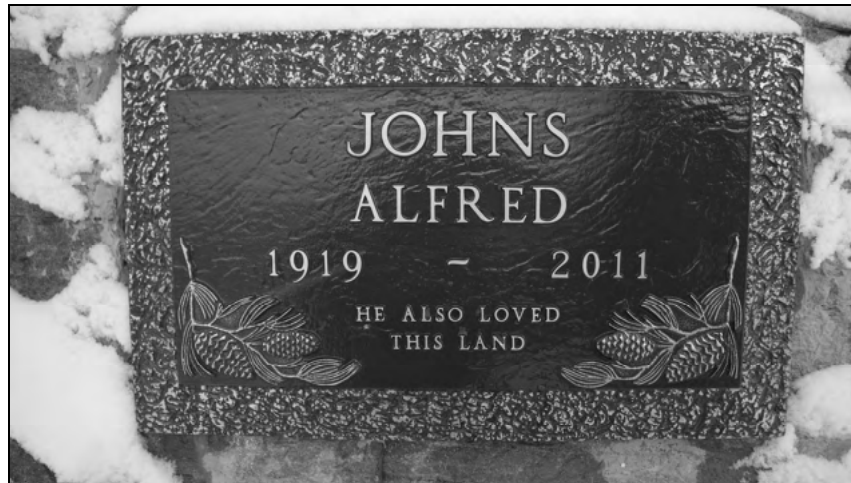


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Memorial marker
Hector and Elizabeth Johns



Memorial markers
Nancy Johns (left), Alfred Johns (right)

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 14 December 2012

Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park

The Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park was created from a land bequest by the Johns family. Information about this park can be found on the website of the Central Okanagan Regional District (<www.regionaldistrict.com>):

Regional District of Central Okanagan
April 10, 2013

Donation Creates 2nd Nature Conservancy Regional Park

A generous land donation, the largest ever in the Central Okanagan ensures the protection of over 323-hectares (800-acres) of land along the south slopes for generations of Central Okanagan residents.

Regional Board Chair Robert Hobson has announced the creation of the Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park. "It all began 20 years ago when the Johns siblings, Nancy and Alfred contacted the Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT) about the goal of bequeathing their properties totaling more than 300-hectares. Since 1993, the Regional District has been working with COLT on agreements for the gifting and leasing of these properties that would eventually see these environmentally significant lands protected, adjacent to the existing 79.5-hectare Cedar Mountain Regional Park. While Nancy passed away in 2002, it wasn't until Alfred's passing in the spring of 2011 that the remaining two parcels of just over 194-hectares (480-acres) bequeathed to the Central Okanagan Land Trust, were made available to the Regional District, completing the total parkland donation."

Hobson says "This is the single-largest donation of parkland in the Central Okanagan, perhaps even in the province and thanks to the generosity and vision of Nancy and Alfred and surviving Johns' family members it will be protected for the enjoyment of people in perpetuity." The market value of these lands is estimated at more than \$7.8-million.

“It’s only fitting,” Hobson adds, “that those who made such a significant donation possible, be recognized. That’s why we’re naming these lands ‘Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park’, amalgamating the bequeathed lands with the former Cedar Mountain Regional Park creating a 402.5-hectare park.”



Johns Family Nature Conservancy Regional Park

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 14 December 2012

TAGGART, Alfred (1867 – 1914)

Location: This isolated grave is located beside Hydraulic Creek, the largest tributary of Mission Creek, which joins Mission Creek to the south east of Kelowna.

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: According to the 1911 Canada Census, Alfred Taggart was born in Germany in April 1867 and came to Canada in 1908. In 1911, Alfred Taggart was working as a labourer, living in a bunk house and working for the Kelowna Irrigation Company. He was unmarried. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Okanagan Division; Page 20; Family 206]

Alfred Taggart's body was discovered at the edge of Hydraulic Creek on July 19, 1914 and was buried near that location. He had been missing since April 1914. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1914-09-204620] ["Kelowna Daily Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, July 23, 1914, page 1 (Article: Discovery of Alfred Taggart's body)]

The following article appeared in the Thursday, July 23, 1914 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 1:

Gruesome Discovery In the Canyon of Hydraulic Creek –

Body of Man Missing for Three Months Is Found

A gruesome discovery was made on Sunday by two Swedes in the canyon of Hydraulic Creek. Otto Sandberg and Albert Nelson were fishing in the creek when their attention was attracted to an object lying on the edge of the water, which, upon close inspection, proved to be the decomposed body of a man. They at once notified the authorities at Kelowna, who dispatched undertakers to take charge of the body. The undertakers returned, however, and reported that owing to the dreadful condition of the corpse, and the inaccessibility of the place where it was lying, they could not move it. On Monday morning, therefore, Coroner [Edwin] Weddell, accompanied by Dr. Hycke [Austin H. Huycke], made a trip to Hydraulic Creek and found the corpse lying at the foot of a canyon 200 feet deep. Thinking it possible that the corpse might be that of Alfred Taggart [Taggat], who disappeared from Kelowna in April while staying at the Royal Hotel, William Botterill, who was a friend of Taggart's, also accompanied the party on Monday. Upon examination of the clothing by Botterill, he was able to identify the corpse, which was further identified from some papers in the pockets.

An examination of the surroundings in the canyon disclosed a niche behind a rock. This was lined with moss and had been used as a bed, on this was lying Taggart's hat and shoes, but there was no trace whatever of any food, nor was there any cans or other signs that food had been there. The bed was about ten feet above the present water line. The unfortunate man had apparently rolled or stumbled over the rocks and had been drowned, as his head was still on the edge of the water, and three months ago the water would have been much higher. Owing to the condition of the body, the coroner advised that it be buried on the spot, which was therefore done.

Taggart, who is said to have come from Ontario about ten years ago, was a trapper and labourer, and for the past three years or so had been working at local construction camps. During his stay at the Royal Hotel [Kelowna] he had been

drinking heavily all the time, and it is thought possible that this might have had something to do with his death.

An inquest into Taggart's death was held in September 1914 by Edwin Weddell, Coroner. Information was added to his BC Death Registration as well as the fact that Alfred Taggart was "Found drowned". [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1914-09-204620*]

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Hydraulic Creek at location of Sam Lee's sawmill, South East Kelowna, c1940

Photo Credit: Robert M. Hayes Collection

Oyama Hills

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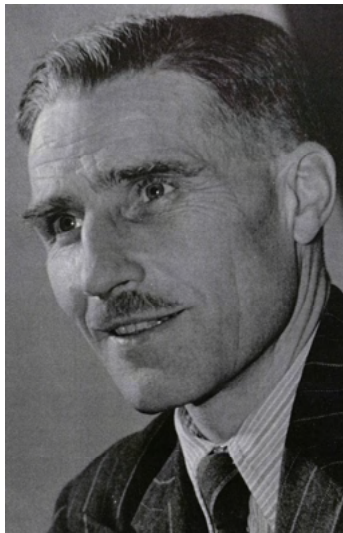
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CAMPBELL BROWN, Hugh Ivie: (1901 – 1982)

Location: This memorial plaque is located in the Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve in the hills north of Oyama (District of Lake Country) and west of Kalamalka Lake.

Transcription: In Loving Memory / Hugh Ivie / Campbell-Brown / 1901 - 1982

Biographical Information: Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown was born December 29, 1901 in Alton, Hampshire, England. His parents were Colin Campbell Brown (1859 - 1924) and Louisa Lowis (1864 - 1960). Hugh Campbell Brown married Mary Agnes Knox on May 2, 1935 in Vancouver, BC. He died on February 25, 1982 in Vernon, BC. *[Linda Kennedy] [Free BMD] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13769, Registration #1935-09-424352] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13618, Registration #1982-09-003873]*



Hugh Campbell Brown, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

The surname for this family was originally "Brown". Colin Campbell Brown and his wife Louisa did not hyphenate the name. Hugh Campbell Brown occasionally used the hyphen. The current generation consistently uses the hyphen. *[Linda Kennedy correspondence, March 17, 2015]*

In this publication, the use of the hyphen in the name “Campbell-Brown” will only be used for the Ecological Reserve unless a quotation uses this format. Much of the information on the Campbell Brown family comes from interviews and correspondence with Linda Kennedy. She and her sister Elizabeth Hieronymi have access to family documents and photographs.

Hugh’s parents, Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown, served as missionaries in China from 1893 to 1911. Their older three children were born in China: Colin (1894), Robin (1896), and Margery (1897). Colin, the eldest son, died in China in 1896. *[Linda Kennedy correspondence, March 17, 2015]*

The Campbell Brown family – Colin and Louisa with their two children – returned to England in time for Hugh to be born at the home of his maternal grandparents on December 29, 1901. Colin may have been ill at this time and sent home to recover. By 1902 or 1903, Colin and Louisa, with infant Hugh, returned to China leaving Hugh’s siblings with family so they could go to school in England. *[Linda Kennedy]*



Margery, Hugh, and Robin Campbell Brown

Lazan, France, c1903

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

In October 1906, after another return trip to England, Hugh’s parents again went back to China. This time, they left all three children with an aunt in Edinburgh, Scotland where the children attended school. *[Linda Kennedy]*

By 1911, Colin Campbell Brown’s health was too poor for him to remain in China, and so they returned to England. He and his wife Louisa hoped his health would improve enough for them to eventually go back to China. Apparently, Colin and Louisa decided that a move to western Canada would make a return visit to China a less arduous trip than travelling from England. *[Linda Kennedy]*

In 1913, Colin, Louisa, and Robin immigrated to Canada. Hugh and Margery were left in Edinburgh to attend school. [Linda Kennedy]

On July 15, 1913, Colin arrived in Quebec City from Glasgow on his way to Kelowna. Louisa and son Robin preceded him from Glasgow, arriving in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 23, 1913. Hugh arrived the following year, landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 24, 1914. Details about Margery's arrival have not been located although the family recalls that Hugh and Margery arrived in Vernon together. [Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935] [Linda Kennedy]

On February 13, 1914, Colin purchased a small house on a large property on Kalamalka Lake north of Oyama. Colin and Louisa called this property "Amory" after Louisa's childhood home in Alton, Hampshire. [Linda Kennedy]

Hugh's first summer job was ploughing grasslands in Okanagan Centre in preparation for the planting of the orchards. He used a team of horses for this job. The next year, he worked on the irrigation system in the south Okanagan. [Linda Kennedy]



Amory Ranch on Kalamalka Lake, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

The 1921 Canada Census listed the family in Oyama. The family all spoke both English and French. Although their knowledge of other languages was not recorded, Colin and Louisa also spoke a Chinese dialect. Robin Campbell Brown had died in the First World War. [1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 5; Family 70] [Linda Kennedy]

Brown, Colin Campbell	age 62	born Scotland	immigrated 1913	Presbyterian	missionary
Brown, Louise	age 57	born Scotland	immigrated 1913	Presbyterian	
Brown, Margery Campbell	age 23	born China	immigrated 1914	Presbyterian	teacher
Brown, Hugh Ivie Campbell	age 19	born England	immigrated 1914	Presbyterian	student
Stranack, Robert Stephenson	age 18	born India	immigrated 1920	Anglican	boarder



The Campbell Brown family and a visitor, c1921

Margery, Robert Stranack, Louisa, Hugh, Colin

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

Hugh Campbell Brown attended elementary school in Oyama and later boarded in Victoria, BC while attending high school. He attended McGill University in Montreal, Quebec and graduated in 1929 with a degree in medicine. His early medical practice was in Vancouver, BC. [*Vernon News*, Saturday, April 24, 1982]



Hugh Campbell Brown with Rowena, his beloved horse; undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

On May 2, 1935, in Vancouver, Hugh Campbell Brown married Mary Agnes Knox, a graduate nurse. The witnesses to the wedding were Hugh's mother Louisa then living at Amory Camp, and Mary's sister Elizabeth Scott then living at Harrison, BC. The young couple settled in Vernon, BC where Hugh set up his medical practice. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13769, Registration #1935-09-424352] [Linda Kennedy]*

Hugh Campbell Brown was active in his community with a variety of interests. Several articles have been written about him. The Greater Vernon Archives has various documents pertaining to Hugh and his family.

Hugh's daughter Linda provided further information:

Hugh had been on a spiritual search for many years and in the 1950's he found the Society of Friends (the Quakers) and in 1953 joined the Vancouver Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. He later helped form the Vernon Monthly Meeting and the BC Quarterly Meeting. Once he retired in 1963 he became more active with the Canadian Society of Friends Yearly Meeting, writing articles and attending the meetings. In 1967 he was their delegate to Friends World Conference and in 1968 visited Paris to be briefed for a trip he made to Cambodia to deliver medical supplies for the Friends' relief work in North Vietnam. In 1970-71 he became the chairman (known as "clerk") of the Canadian Society of Friends Yearly Meeting.

The "Vernon News" carried an obituary for Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown:

Campbell-Brown, Hugh: In Vernon Jubilee Hospital on February 25, 1982 aged 80. Survived by his wife Mary, sister Margery Caesar of Mill Bay, B.C.; two daughters, Linda Kennedy of Vernon and Elizabeth Hieronymi of Qualicum Beach, B.C.; five grandchildren, Kiran and Miachel [Michael] Kennedy, Erik, Mark and Tanya Lund. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Pleasant Valley Memorial Chapel, 4303 Pleasant Valley Road, Vernon, B.C. No flowers by request. Donations may be made in lieu to Howard House Society, Vernon, B.C.



Campbell Brown memorial plaques

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 08 May 2013

The "Vernon News", April 24, 1982 printed a detailed biography of Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown, a portion of which follows:

Former Vernon doctor excelled in many areas

An Okanagan pioneer, beloved family physician and well-known Canadian Quaker, Dr. Hugh Ivie Campbell-Brown, died Feb. 25, 1982 in Vernon.

Campbell-Brown had been very active in both the Vernon community and the religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and left a lasting mark on both.

Hugh Campbell-Brown was born in Hampshire, England, Dec. 29, 1901. His parents spent many years in China as missionaries for the Presbyterian Church. They moved to the Okanagan in 1914 settling on the Amory Ranch, now Crystal Waters Resort near Oyama on Kalamalka Lake.

Campbell-Brown attended school in Oyama and later in Victoria, B.C. He graduated with a degree in medicine from McGill University in Montreal in 1929 and went on to take further training in surgery at the Montreal general Hospital. While attending McGill, he was on the McGill Figure Skating Team at Lake Placid [New York].

Campbell-Brown began his medical practice in South [East] Vancouver, where he was also active on the Committee for Social Justice, a formative body of the CCF, later the New Democratic Party. In 1935 he married Mary Knox of Prince Albert, Sask., and they moved to Vernon where they have lived since.

Many Interests

Campbell-Brown was a man with a broad range of interests. In the early years in Vernon, some people knew him as a keen hunter and member of the Trap Shooting Club, others as an active Kinsmen during the time when the club sponsored the annual rodeo and Vernon Days celebration. There are still a few men in Vernon who were teenagers in the early forties when he helped establish a boys' club. Other people enjoyed his skill as a photographer and still others his night school classes in anthropology. However, most people will remember him best as a counsellor and friend in his role as a general practitioner.

In 1938, Campbell-Brown, along with Dr. Hugh Alexander and Dr. Frank Pettman, founded the Vernon Medical Clinic. It was during this time that Dr. Norman Bethune visited him. Bethune urged Campbell-Brown to accompany him to China to help deliver medical services to the Chinese fighting for Mao Tse-tung, but as his wife was expecting their first child it wasn't possible.

After being active in the Trinity United Church in Vernon, Campbell-Brown joined the religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1953. He participated in various committees of the Pacific Yearly Meeting and wrote numerous religious articles, many being published in various issues of The Canadian Friend.

More Courses

In 1963 he retired from his medical practice and returned to university taking courses in anthropology [anthropology] and ethnology. He participated in an archeological "dig" under David Sanger in the Lytton-Lillooet area. In 1965 he and his wife travelled to India where he worked with his son-in-law Dr. David Kennedy at a mission hospital in Ratlam, M.P. On their way home from India, they visited with the famous anthrolopologist [anthropologist], Dr. Lewis Leaky [Louis Leakey], in Kenya, and went with him to the Oldavai Gorge.

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Campbell Brown memorial plaques

Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve

Photo Credit: Loretta Wittur, 08 May 2013



Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve

Looking northeast towards Vernon

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 08 May 2013



The Colin Campbell Browns in Alton, Hampshire, England, 1902
Louisa, Hugh, Robin, Colin, with Margery in front

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, January 2014

CAMPBELL BROWN, Mary Agnes (nee Knox): (1902 – 1995)

Location: This memorial plaque is located in the Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve in the hills north of Oyama (District of Lake Country) and west of Kalamalka Lake.

Transcription: In Memory of / Mary Agnes / Campbell Brown / (nee Knox) / 1902 - 1995

Biographical Information: Mary Agnes Knox was born in Prince Albert, NWT (now Saskatchewan) on December 11, 1902. Her parents were Andrew Knox (1866 - 1946) and Elizabeth Jane Short (1874 - 1963). Mary married Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown on May 2, 1935 in Vancouver, BC. Mary Agnes Campbell Brown died December 2, 1995 in Vernon, BC. *[Linda Kennedy] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13769, Registration #1935-09-424352] ["Morning Star", December 6, 1995, page 39]*

Both of Mary Agnes Knox's parents were pioneers in the Prince Albert area. Andrew Knox was born April 26, 1866 near Ballymoney, Ireland. He immigrated to Canada in 1890 from Ireland and began farming. He was listed on the 1891 Canada Census in Red Deer Hills in what is now Saskatchewan. *[Linda Kennedy] [1891 Canada Census: Territories, Saskatchewan, Red Deer Hill; Page 21; Family 94]*

Elizabeth Jane Short was born July 13, 1874 in Kippan, Stirlingshire, Scotland where the family farmed. She emigrated from Scotland in 1886 with her parents George (born c1835) and Mary (born c1845) and five of her six siblings. The Short family was listed in the 1891 Canada Census in Prince Albert district in what is now Saskatchewan. *[Linda Kennedy] [1891 Canada Census: Territories, Saskatchewan, Prince Albert; Page 4; Family 21]*

Short, George	head	age 56	born Scotland	Presbyterian	farmer
Short, Mary	wife	age 46	born Scotland	Presbyterian	
Short, William	son	age 27	born Scotland	Presbyterian	farmer
Short, David	son	age 21	born Scotland	Presbyterian	farmer
Short, Lizzie	daughter	age 16	born Scotland	Presbyterian	
Short, Agnes	daughter	age 12	born Scotland	Presbyterian	



Andrew Knox and Elizabeth Short's wedding, 05 July 1900

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

Andrew Knox and Elizabeth Short married July 5, 1900. In the 1901 Canada Census, Andrew's widowed mother was living with the young couple. *[Linda Kennedy] [1901 Canada Census: The Territories, Saskatchewan, Colleston; Page 1; Family 9]*

Knox, Andrew	head	born April 26, 1868	Ireland	Presbyterian	farmer
Knox, Lizzie	wife	born July 13, 1874	Scotland	Presbyterian	
Knox, Eliza J.	widowed mother	born June 26, 1838	Ireland	Presbyterian	

Andrew Knox became a successful farmer in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. This farm was on the North Saskatchewan River. It was a mixed farm, animals as well as grain. This is where Mary Agnes Knox learned to enjoy horseback riding. Her daughter Linda stated: "[Mary Agnes] grew up in an era when horses were the means of travel, being driven to school by her mother in a horse and buggy until she and her older sister were old enough to drive themselves and the farming was done with horses. Horses (and dogs) were a way of life and she loved them both." *[Linda Kennedy]*

In the 1906 Saskatchewan Census, the location of the Knox family farm was listed as Section 26, Township 48, Range 25, Meridian W2. Post Office: Prince Albert. *[1906 Canada Census: Saskatchewan, Prince Albert; Page 1; Family 8]*

The family in 1916 included Andrew Knox (age 48), wife Elizabeth (age 41), daughters Elizabeth (age 14), Mary (age 13), Eleanor (age 10), and Andrew's mother Elizabeth (age 78). *[1916 Canada Census: Saskatchewan, Prince Albert; Page 3; Family 25]*

Information about Andrew Knox was researched by Linda Kennedy:

Andrew Knox was engaged in the efforts of the farmers to organise themselves to protect their rapidly growing industry and was President of the Prince Albert Agriculture Association in 1903. Andrew was one of the first directors of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers from 1907 to 1918. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1917 as a Liberal Unionist. As one of those who differed with the Union Government, he took a seat on the cross benches and was known as a Cross Bencher (sitting as an Independent). In the election of 1922 he was re-elected member for Prince Albert as a Progressive. He was defeated in the 1925 election – though the family always pointed out that he came ahead of 3rd place finisher John Diefenbaker!

Andrew Knox died on August 4, 1946 in Chilliwack, BC where his eldest daughter Elizabeth lived. *[Linda Kennedy] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13191, Registration #1946-09-010070]*

Elizabeth Jane Knox (nee Short) died February 24, 1963 in Vernon, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13260, Registration #1963-09-003165]*

Mary Agnes Knox attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for a year before deciding to study nursing with her sister Elizabeth at Vancouver General Hospital. After graduating in 1927, Mary Agnes worked as a private duty nurse and then in the admitting office of Vancouver General Hospital. *[Linda Kennedy]*

Mary Agnes Knox married Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown on May 2, 1935 in Vancouver, BC and moved to Vernon, BC. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13769, Registration #1935-09-424352]*

She stayed active raising her family and serving her community. Mary Agnes Campbell Brown and her husband were members of the North Okanagan Naturalist Club. She was a keen horsewoman and an early member of the Vernon and District Riding Club. She rode until she was 85 years old and cross-country skied until she was 87. *[Linda Kennedy]*

Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown and Mary Agnes Knox had two daughters:

- Linda Campbell-Brown: married David Kennedy and had two children.
- Elizabeth Campbell-Brown: married 1) Bill Lund and had three children 2) Frank Hieronmyi.



Mary and Hugh Campbell Brown with Raffles, Vernon, 1935

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, January 2014

Mary Agnes Campbell Brown died in Vernon on December 2, 1995. Her obituary appeared in the "Morning Star", December 6, 1995, page 39:

Campbell-Brown

Campbell-Brown, Mary Agnes (nee Knox), born Prince Albert, Sask. Dec. 11, 1902. Died peacefully at home Dec. 2, 1995. Nursing graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital. Married Dr. Hugh Campbell-Brown, May 2, 1935. Resident in the Vernon area since 1935. Predeceased by both her sister Bess Scott, and her husband Hugh (1982). Survived by: her sister Eleanor Stoddart of Victoria;

daughters Linda Kennedy and Elizabeth Hieronymi; 5 grandchildren; Erik, Mark and Tanya Lund, Kiran and Michael Kennedy; 2 great grandchildren, Christopher and Matthew Lund; as well as 2 nieces and 2 nephews. Mary volunteered for many area organizations including the Women's Auxiliary of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Mental Health Soc., and canvassed for the Cancer Soc., Red Cross and Heart Fund. She was a keen rider and Honorary Life Member of the Vernon & Dist. Riding Club. She was also a Naturalist and skier. She and her husband Hugh donated the Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve above Kalamalka Lake to the Province of B.C. Most of all Mary was beloved for being just herself. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Friends of Ecological Reserves, Box 8477, Victoria, B.C., V8W 3S1, would be appreciated. A service in celebration of her life will be held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at the Pleasant Valley Funeral Home, 4303-Pleasant Valley Road, Vernon, B.C. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Pleasant Valley Funeral Home.

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Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve

The land for the Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve was given to the Province of British Columbia in memory of Colin Campbell Brown and Louisa Lewis – the parents of Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown.



Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve

Photo Credit: Loretta Wittur, 08 May 2013

An article “Park Gift Saved” appeared in the “Vernon News”, June 10, 1977:

Park Gift Saved

Victoria (Special) – The provincial government has established the Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve on the Westside of Kalamalka Lake, near Oyama.

Environment Minister Jim Nielsen said today the 113.8 hectare reserve was donated by Dr. Hugh Campbell-Brown of Vernon in memory of his parents, who farmed the land from 1913 to 1943.

He said the property is still in its natural state, and is the first private property donated as an ecological reserve in the province.

North Okanagan MLA Pat Jordan said the new reserve is “one more step marking the North Okanagan as one of the unique and most comprehensive ecological study areas in British Columbia.”

Hugh and Mary Campbell-Brown’s daughter, Linda Kennedy, wrote an article for the Okanagan Historical Society on the history of this reserve. It appears on pages 77 - 82 of the Sixty-seventh Report. Portions of this article are included below:

In 1974 Hugh and Mary Campbell Brown gave the property that now comprises the ecological reserve and a lower section north of the present Crystal Waters Property to the province of British Columbia as parkland in memory of Hugh’s parents Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown. In 1977 Hugh agreed that the section above the road be protected as an ecological reserve preserving rattlesnake habitat and a typical hillside of bunch grass and ponderosa pine ecosystem at its northern perimeter.

The Campbell Brown family lived on the property from 1914 to 1943 when the southern most section below the road was sold and became the Crystal Waters

Campground. The range portion and the lakeside property north of Crystal waters remained in the Campbell Brown family and were used as range land for horses and a summer camping spot....

When the Campbell-Browns bought the farm there was a small orchard on the south end (where there are now homes). The only means of watering was by hand and so one of their first projects was to build a windmill to pump water up to the top of the orchard. They had a vegetable garden, some milk cows and chickens. They seeded alfalfa in the bottoms of two small gulches along the lakeshore north of the house and on a larger bench area above the Vernon-Kelowna road. They pastured the cows on the range above but it was never a viable farm and Colin never became a farmer....

Knapweed has been problem on the reserve land since the early part of the [20th] century. Hugh believed that the sheep driven through the area from Montana brought the knapweed with them. The range portion was logged in the early 1940s which probably contributed to a further spread....

Today the greatest threat to the reserve is development on the Crystal Waters property and to the south of the reserve. Housing brings more intrusions by humans as well as cats and dogs.

With the help of volunteer wardens, the Parks division of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is now responsible for the supervision of Ecological Reserves.

In 2015, the BC Parks website (<www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/eco_reserve/campbellb_er.html>) gives further details about this ecological reserve:

Physical:

The reserve is situated on the relatively steep eastern slope of Ellison Ridge, facing Kalamalka Lake. Bedrock outcrops, small cliffs and talus slopes are scattered through the area. Soils vary from Chernozems in grassy openings to Regosols on colluvial sites. There are no streams, but at least one spring is present. Climate is expected to be similar to that at Vernon where mean annual precipitation is about 40 cm.

Biological:

The most extensive plant community is dominated by ponderosa pine, the grasses blue-bunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue, and the moss *Tortula ruralis*. Small amounts of Douglas-fir are present, but the shrub stratum is sparse. At higher elevations the Douglas-fir-common snowberry type, in which wild and baldhip rose, birch-leaved spirea, and showy aster are also characteristic, is fairly widespread.

A winter den (hibernaculum) of the Western rattlesnake, used by about 25 snakes, is located in two large earth-covered mounds of broken rock. This is a significant decline in the population. In 1993, there were about 100 snakes reported from this hibernaculum. Most snakes emerge in April and return to the den in September. Maximum dispersal from the den is less than two km, and most home ranges are a few hectares in size. These snakes prey almost entirely on small mammals, of which voles and deer mice are most prominent in the diet. These rattlesnakes, near the northern limit of the species range, have a low reproductive rate and are therefore easily reduced by human-caused mortality.

Birds have not been thoroughly inventoried but typical dry-forest species like Lewis' Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, chickadees and juncos are present. The reserve provides excellent winter range for Mule Deer.

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Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve
Looking southeast towards Oyama

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 08 May 2013



Campbell-Brown Ecological Reserve
Looking east to Kalamalka Lake

Photo Credit: Loretta Wittur, 08 May 2013

CAMPBELL BROWN, Colin: (1859 – 1924)

Colin Campbell Brown was born February 19, 1859 in Glasgow, Scotland. His parents were Colin Brown (born c1818) and Margaret Graham Brown (born c1823). He married Louisa Lowis on September 26, 1893 in Alton, Hampshire, England. Colin Campbell Brown died in Point Grey, BC on October 27, 1924. *[Linda Kennedy] [Marriage Certificate in possession of Linda Kennedy] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-334000]*

Colin Campbell Brown grew up and was educated in Scotland. His seven siblings were: Margery Graham (1857), Louisa (1860), George Graham (1862), Alexander John (1863), Hugh Matheson (1864), Margaret Mary (1866), and Mary Catherine (1868). The family was listed in the 1861 and 1871 Scotland censuses. *[Linda Kennedy] [1861 Scotland Census: Roll 105; Glasgow Barony, ED 28, Page 13, Line 21] [1871 Scotland Census: Roll 144; Govan, ED 20, Page 31, Line 1]*

Linda Kennedy has tentatively identified her grandfather and his parents and siblings in a photo taken c1880.



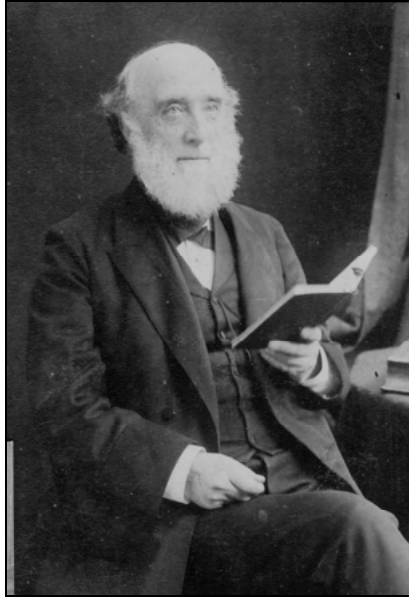
The Colin Brown and Margaret Graham Brown family, c1880

Standing in back: Margery Graham Brown (b. 1857), Alexander John Brown (b. 1863)

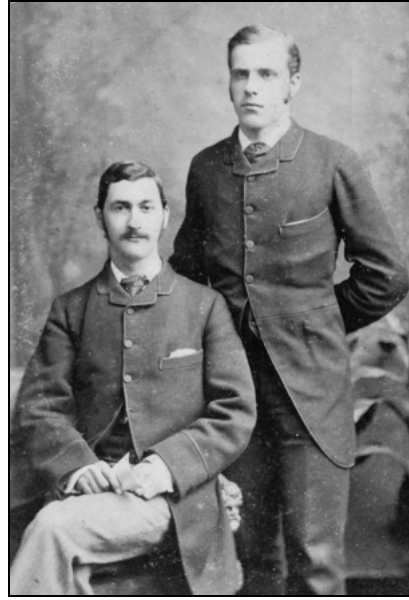
Left to right: Mary Catherine Brown (b. 1868), Hugh Matheson Brown (b. 1864), George Graham Brown (b. 1862),
Colin Brown (b. 1818), Margaret Graham Brown (b. 1823),
Colin Campbell Brown (b. 1859), Margaret Mary Brown (b.1866), Louisa Brown (b. 1860)

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 27 July 2014

Colin received further education in England. Notes written by his son Hugh show that Colin was "a student of Chinese History and Classical Literature under James Legge at Oxford where he took a scholarship in Chinese Literature and developed a life long interest in the history, language and people of China". *[Linda Kennedy]*



Colin Brown
Father of Colin Campbell Brown, undated



George Graham Brown, Colin Campbell Brown,
c1894

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015



Daughter of Margery Graham Sloan (nee Brown) and Walter Sloan, Walter Sloan, Margery Graham Sloan,
Colin Campbell Brown, undated

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Colin Campbell Brown met his future wife Louisa Lewis when he became her tutor. Colin and Louisa were married September 26, 1893 in the Presbyterian Church, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, England. Their marriage certificate states that Colin was a minister living at Holyborne and his father was a merchant. Louisa was living at Amery House, Alton. Her father John Mangles Lewis was a justice of the peace. *[Linda Kennedy] [Marriage Certificate in possession of Linda Kennedy]*

Shortly after their marriage, Colin and Louisa went to China as missionaries and served from 1893 to 1911 at Chin Chew (now Quanzhou) in Fukien province, south China. The eldest three children were born in China: Colin (1894), Robin (1896), and Margery (1897). Colin, the eldest son, died in China in 1896. *[Linda Kennedy]*

Information, paraphrased below, was provided by Linda Kennedy:

Usually the Mission organization, in this case the English Presbyterian Mission to China, sent missionaries to a country for a term of five to seven years. At the end of that time the missionaries came home for a one-year furlough. During this furlough, they were expected to do deputation work – visiting churches to speak about their mission work with the purposes of educating the congregation about the church's mission work and raising money to support it.

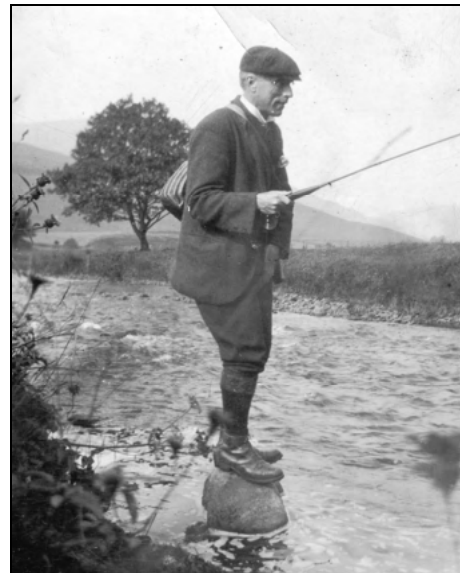
Colin was twice sent home with chronic dysentery. The Campbell Browns were back in England for Hugh's birth, probably because Colin was ill. They seem to have stayed in England until Hugh was about a year old (1902 - 1903). When they returned to China, they left the two older children with family to attend school in Britain. This return to China would have been to finish their second term.

Colin and Louisa returned to England in 1905 and Louisa and the children had a wonderful summer holiday in Switzerland where Hugh and Margery probably learned to speak French. In October 1906, Colin and Louisa returned alone to China, leaving five year old Hugh with his older brother and sister in Edinburgh where they went to school. Colin and Louisa stayed in China until 1911.

In 1911, Colin's dysentery again caused them to return to Britain at the mission's insistence. He was instructed not to return to China until he was completely well. Colin and Louise were devastated as they both loved China, the Chinese and their work.



Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown,
October 1905 near Lausanne, Switzerland



Colin Campbell Brown, c1907

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015



The Campbell Brown family, c1905

Back row: Colin, Louisa, Hugh
Front row: Robin, Margery

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

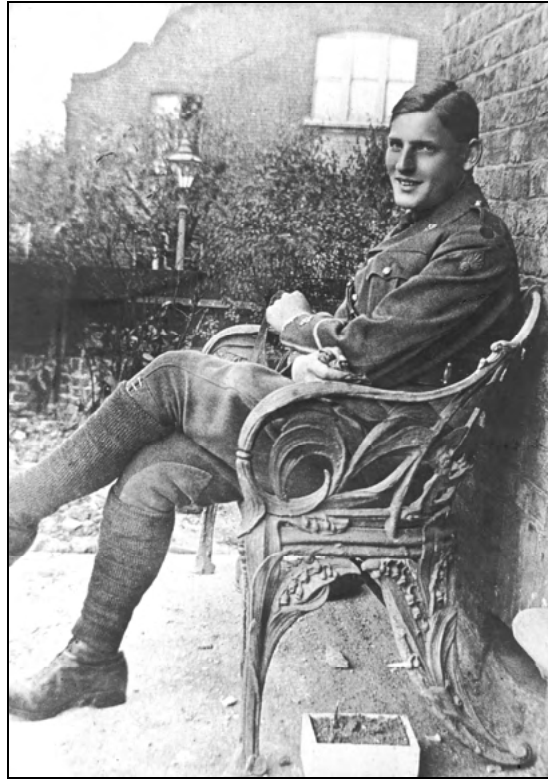
Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown always hoped to return to China. Meanwhile, they moved to British Columbia. Colin Campbell Brown, Louisa, and Robin immigrated in 1913. The family purchased property on Kalamalka Lake near Oyama from Wilton R. Powley and tried to farm. Hugh and Margery Campbell Brown finished their studies in Edinburgh and immigrated in 1914. Colin and Louisa continued their ministry work in the Okanagan. *[Linda Kennedy]*



Robin Campbell Brown logging at Amory, c1914

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

The First World War began in 1914 and their elder son, Robin Lowis Campbell Brown, enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry as a lieutenant. He was attached to the 88th Trench Mortar Battery Royal Field Artillery. Robin Lowis Campbell Brown was killed June 8, 1917 at the age of 21 years and was buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Poperinge, West Flanders, Belgium. The Greater Vernon Museum & Archives has transcriptions of letters he sent to the family during this war. [*Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <www.cwgc.org>*] [*Linda Kennedy*]



Lieutenant Robin Lowis Campbell Brown, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

Margery Campbell Brown boarded in Victoria while she took teacher training at Normal School. She returned to the Okanagan to teach. Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown attended elementary school in Oyama and high school in Victoria before attending McGill University. [*Linda Kennedy*]

In the 1921 Canada Census, Colin and Louisa were enumerated in Oyama with their children Margery and Hugh. Colin was listed as a missionary, Margery as a teacher, and Hugh as a student. [*1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 5; Family 70*]

In 1923, Colin and Louisa were asked by the Presbyterian Church to go to Wellington, near Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island to minister to the miners. [*Linda Kennedy*]

On October 18, 1923, the "Vernon News" contained this article:

Rev. Campbell Brown Is Going To Coast
Popular Presbyterian Minister to Take Charge at Wellington

Okanagan Centre, Oct. 23. A grievous blow has fallen upon the Centre. Mr. Campbell Brown has been asked by Dr. Wilson to minister to a large section in

and around Wellington on Vancouver Island and he has decided to undertake the work. He and Mrs. Campbell Brown leave the district before the end of October. What this means to us all only those who have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Campbell Brown can realize for there is no one in the place young or old to whom he has not endeared himself and to every household his going must mean the loss of a personal friend.

Although there are comparatively few people in the Centre we have many different forms of religious opinions but we have all been alike in welcoming his visits and now we unite in deploring his departure from amongst us. As for the delightful literary evenings which he has given us at the Rainbow [Rainbow Ranche] during the last three winters, they will remain a joyous memory for all those who were fortunate enough to attend them.

We all hope that Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Brown will find happiness in their new sphere of work but we are all left lamenting "Will ye not come back again."

Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown were not long in Wellington as Colin's health deteriorated. He went to Vancouver to receive medical treatment in August 1924 and died in Point Grey, BC on October 27, 1924. (Point Grey amalgamated with the City of Vancouver on January 1, 1929.) Colin, at the time of his death, had been in Canada and in BC for 11 years. Colin Campbell Brown is buried at Wellington, now part of Nanaimo. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-334000*] [Linda Kennedy]

An extensive biography of Colin Campbell Brown appeared in the "Vernon News", Thursday, December 11, 1924:

Biography of the Late Colin Campbell Brown

Colin Campbell Brown was born in 1859, the eldest son of Colin Brown, whose collection of Scottish songs is well known, and who held a musical professorship in Glasgow University and was the inventor of a musical instrument more perfectly harmonised than any piano, but too intricate and difficult to be of commercial value for general use. In his boyhood, through his father's literary and musical tastes, Colin met several men of note and Japanese students, who have since been among the foremost statesmen of Japan, who were inmates or frequent visitors at his home.

Colin was educated at home and later at the Glasgow University. He early began a business career, owing to reverses met by his father. At the age of eighteen he was offered a good position in a large firm in the East, but he had his heart set on being a missionary. He went to Oxford later as an unattached student, took the Chinese scholarship, studying the Chinese classics under D. Legge [James Legge], whose favorite pupil he was. Later he offered his services to the English Presbyterian Mission in Southern China, but was refused on account of not being considered strong enough. Much disappointed he took charge of a small congregation in Holybourne, Hants in the South of England, in 1885. Here he was ordained a year or two later and worked on with much success until 1893 when he again offered his services to the same Mission and, his health having greatly improved, he was accepted.

In September 1893 he married Louise Lowis, the daughter of one of his elders, the ceremony being conducted by Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren). In October of the same year they left for China. They went to Amoy in the province of Fuhkien, to learn the language and then proceeded to Chincheu, where for 20 years, with intervals of furlough, he labored. His work was partly evangelistic

itinerating in his large district which covered two or three hundred square miles and contained eventually eight or nine Chinese pastorates, each of which comprised three or four villages.

Mr. Campbell Brown's work was not only in connection with his own Mission. At the summer resort in the mountains where many different missionaries met for rest and conference, his advice and help were claimed by all. He was a favorite speaker at the yearly conventions and literary evenings, and his house was crowded out. Other Missions too, claimed his help for conventions among the Chinese. He often recalled how on one such occasion being asked to preside at a 6 a.m. prayer meeting he was amazed to find a crowd of four or five thousand present in an enormous home-made tent. Among the Chinese he was greatly revered and beloved.

Twice invalided home on account of chronic dysentery, each time at death's door, it was evident the second time that it would be useless to attempt the Eastern climate again, and after a year regaining health he came to Canada in 1913, determined as soon as he got his strength back to offer again for his beloved work in China.

He was the author of three books in English: "China in Legend and Story," "A Chinese St. Francis," and "Children of China" (new editions of which are to be published) and also made a great collection of Chinese Folk Lore and Legends which he always hoped to get time to publish, as many are of general interest, besides being of value to students as well as to local historians. He was also a poet of no mean order, but never found time to prepare any poems for publication.

Among his friends were many famous literary men such as John Buchan, Dr. Herbert Gray, J.H. Oldham, and of course, "Ian MacLaren," with whom he had exchanged pulpits.

In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Brown bought the Amery [Amory] Ranch between Vernon and Oyama, from Mr. W.R. Powley. It was the central point for the working of the four mission stations which were put in his charge in 1915. One Sunday he took services at the Commonage and Okanagan Landing, and on the alternate ones at Okanagan Centre and Winfield, making light of the long walks which were necessitated by the distances apart of these communities. In 1921 the Presbyterian authorities wished to reconstruct the districts and Okanagan Centre was to be worked from Rutland, but such was the dismay and sorrow of the people at the Centre that a petition was signed begging that Mr. Campbell Brown might still minister to them. This was complied with and the arrangement continued as before. Latterly it was the weekly custom for him to walk out on Saturday, staying the night with one or other of his friends who were only too anxious for the privilege of putting him up. In the autumn of 1920 the happy idea was formed of starting literary evenings at the Rainbow [Rainbow Ranche]. These were continued during the two following winters. Mr. and Mrs. Goldie [of the Rainbow Ranche] on these occasions kept open house, and to all who had the pleasure of attending them they remain a joyous memory. The spacious and charming room with a roaring log fire and dim lights made a fitting setting for the audience to listen to talks on Stevenson, Browning, Kipling and others, while watching the quick changes on the expressive face of the speaker, the whimsical smile lighting it up at some humorous [humourous] passage. It was like a big family party, and often when the clock pointed inexorably to an incredible hour both speaker and listeners could hardly bear to break the spell. The "Chinese" evenings were special favorites. On these occasions one was treated with fables

and legends and true stories of the most fascinating description, to which an added thrill was sometimes given by the fact that they were read from notes made in bygone days by the narrator, in Chinese characters. On the Browning evening the reading of "Saul" was a revelation to many, to be followed by the "Pied Piper," given with inimitable skill. Scenes from "Pride and Prejudice," the room rippling with laughter, poems from Francis Thompson, extracts from George Elliot [Eliot], and others all pass through the memory, and one at least, a fellow Scot, will long treasure the Ian MacLaren evening, when parts of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" were read. One never to be forgotten evening he read a story he had written purporting to be about a picture hanging over the mantelpiece in the room at the Rainbow. It was a rollicking tale of adventure and love, and his own children, who were present, were completely dumbfounded at the exuberance of their father's spirits, as he admitted his pen had simply taken the bit in its teeth and galloped off with the writer.

Mr. Campbell Brown with characteristic humbleness of mind always amused his hearers when they endeavored to express gratitude and appreciation, by thinking he should be grateful to the audience for liking to listen to him. He loved children and had many ardent admirers and friends amongst them. For some he made a very fine boat with a poem attached; another was made happy with a wind mill, and a little six-year-old would sit entranced while he told fairy tales, the child's expression making the recounter swiftly realize that the tragedy must be changed to a comedy. This little friend would beg to be allowed to sit up to learn "Chinese" numerals, which would be treasured up until the next visit.

Beloved and respected by all, men, women and children of all denominations, classes and colors, there was no home in which he was not welcomed. Always so courteous and gentle and so full of sympathy, and taking so deep an interest in the intimate concerns of his friends he was felt to be an essential member of each family, and sad indeed were many homes when he followed the call to Wellington for which Dr. Wilson considered that he alone was fitted. He was an arresting and earnest preacher and had the happy power of illustrating his points with quotations and story which long remained in the memory. Above all he was a zealous follower of his Master and yearned to draw all men unto Him.

A gloom fell upon us all when we heard of his serious illness and realized that he would never come back again as we had all hoped (and he also). But as his days were numbered we could only be thankful that his sufferings were comparatively short. It is hard to think that we shall never again wait for his welcome footsteps or hear his much loved voice.

"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

Anne Land (nee Goldie), life-long resident of Okanagan Centre, provided details about Colin Campbell Brown's presentations at "The Rainbow", the Goldie residence on the Rainbow Ranche. Anne was a small child at the time of these visits and presentations and in 2015 still remembered them. She recalled that Mr. Campbell Brown would walk from his place on Kalamalka Lake to Okanagan Centre. His presentations to local residents were on Saturday evenings. He would stay the night at the Goldie residence, and on Sunday he would give a sermon in the Okanagan Centre Presbyterian Church. Sometimes, he would hold a service at the Commonage, probably in a private residence. After the service, Anne's father James Goldie would often drive Mr. Campbell Brown back to his home. *[Telephone Interview (Bob Hayes) with Anne Land, April 12, 2015]*

Although she was usually sent to bed soon after Mr. Campbell Brown arrived, Anne Land remembered details of one of his talks. Hanging above the mantle in the Goldie home, was a large framed picture or poster. The subject of this picture was "very gloomy", with a house partially hidden by bushes, and light coming from a window into the darkness. Mr. Campbell Brown wrote a story about this picture and presented it during one of his visits. *[Anne Land]*

Okanagan Centre pioneer, Northcote Caesar, was a friend of the Goldie family. He made a small wooden boat for Anne's brother Bob Goldie, who played with the boat in the bathtub. This boat was named "Anndabob", after the three Goldie children. Mr. Campbell Brown wrote a poem about this boat, and one of the ranch workers painted nine small watercolour pictures of this boat. Each of the Goldie children was given a copy of Mr. Campbell Brown's poem as well as three watercolour pictures which were later framed. *[Anne Land]*

The "Vernon News", October 30, 1924, page 1, reported the death of Colin Campbell Brown:

Rev. Campbell Brown Goes to His Rest
Dies at Wellington on October 26th;
For Many Years a Resident of Okanagan

The many friends of Rev. Campbell Brown throughout the Okanagan will regret to hear of his death at Wellington [Point Grey], to which place he moved some months ago. The following item, from the Vancouver Province, is all that has so far come through in reference to this sad event:

"Rev. Colin Campbell Brown, aged 65, of Wellington, passed away at the home of Mrs. S.S. Vernon, 2703 Forty-first avenue west. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Munro at the Nunn & Thompson undertaking parlors Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in the family plot, Wellington. Mr. Brown had been a resident of the province for the last eleven years. He leaves a wife, residing in Wellington, one daughter, Mrs. Caesar, of Mill Bay, and one son, Hugh Campbell Brown, attending medical college in Montreal."

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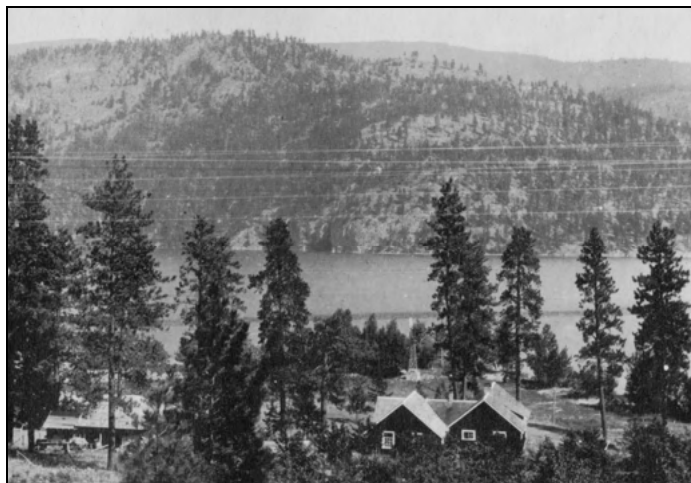
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Amory Ranch with Kalamalka Lake in background, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

CAMPBELL BROWN, Louisa (nee Lowis): (1864 – 1960)

Louisa Lowis was born in Stirling, Scotland on October 28, 1864. Her parents were John Mangles Lowis (c1828 India - August 19, 1908 Hampshire, England) and Ellen Mangles (c1831 London - 1924 Hampshire, England). Louisa Lowis married Colin Campbell Brown in Alton, Hampshire, England on September 24, 1893. She died in Vernon, BC on May 5, 1960. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13246, Registration #1960-09-005974] [Linda Kennedy] Sources [FreeBMD] [England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858 - 1966]

John Mangles Lowis and Ellen Mangles married in 1854 in Guildford, Surrey, England. They had nine children, six of whom were still living in 1911. Various England census records indicate that, of these children, only Harriett and Louisa were not born in Bengal, India. [Free BMD] [1911 England Census: Hampshire, Alton, Amery House; Class RG14; Piece 6207; Schedule Number 145] [1881 England Census: Guildford, Surrey; Class RG11; Piece 780; Folio 70; Page 9; GSU roll 1341183] [1891 England Census: Hampshire, Alton; Class RG12; Piece 950; Folio 29; Page 19; GSU roll 6096060]



The John and Ellen Lowis family in Torquay, Devon, England, 1878

Back row: Harriett, Louisa, Jack, Nellie (Ellen)
Front row: Ellen, Robert, John, Evelyn, Polly

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

In the 1871 England Census, the family, without John Mangles Lowis, was living in Marylebone, London, England. [1871 England Census: London, Marylebone; Class RG10; Piece 167; Folio 27; Page 47; GSU roll 823302]

Lowis, Ellen	age 40	head	born London, Middlesex
Lowis, Katherine H	age 14	daughter	born East Indies
Lowis, Ellen L	age 11	daughter	born East Indies
Lowis, Mary W	age 10	daughter	born East Indies
Lowis, Harriet N	age 8	daughter	born Stoke, Surrey
Lowis, Louisa	age 6	daughter	born Stirling, Scotland
Lowis, Robt M	age 3	son	born East Indies
Lowis, Evelyn C	age 1	daughter	born East Indies

In the 1881 England Census, John Lowis was listed as retired from the Bengal civil service. The family was living in Guildford, England. Louisa and her sisters had a private teacher and the family employed seven servants. [1881 England Census: Guildford, Surrey; Class RG11; Piece 780; Folio 70; Page 9; GSU roll 1341183]

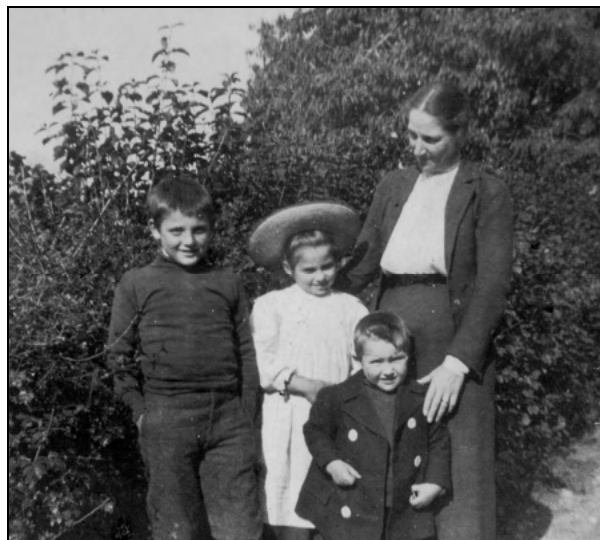
Lowis, John M	age 55	head	born Bengal	Bengal civil service (retired)
Lowis, Ellen	age 50	wife	born London	
Lowis, John	age 25	son	born Bengal	barrister in practice
Lowis, Ellen L	age 21	daughter	born Bengal	
Lowis, Harriet N	age 18	daughter	born Guildford, Surrey	
Lowis, Louisa	age 16	daughter	born Stirling, Scotland	
Lowis, Evelyn	age 12	daughter	born Bengal	

In the 1891 England Census, John Lowis was retired from the Royal civil service and was magistrate for the County of Southampton. The family was in Alton, Hampshire where they maintained a large estate, Amery House, on Vicarage Hill. [1891 England Census: Hampshire, Alton; Class RG12; Piece 950; Folio 29; Page 19; GSU roll 6096060]

Colin Campbell Brown, wife Louisa, and children Robert L. and Marjory Campbell Brown were living with Louisa's parents at Amery House in Alton, Hampshire in 1901. Louisa's mother was absent at the time of this census. [1901 England Census: Hampshire, Alton; Class RG13; Piece 1098; Folio 38; Page 20]

Lowis, John Mangles	age 73	head	born Bengal	magistrate for Hampshire
Lowis, Ellen Louisa	age 41	daughter	born Bengal	
Lowis, Evelyn Cockwell	age 31	daughter	born Bengal	
Brown, Louisa	age 36	daughter	born Scotland	
Brown, Colin Campbell	age 42	son-in-law	born Scotland	minister
Brown, Robert Louis C	age 5	grandson	born China, British subject	
Brown, Marjorie C	age 3	granddaughter	born China, British subject	

John Mangles Lowis died August 19, 1908 in Hampshire, England. His will was probated on September 9, 1908 in London. Probate was to Ellen Lowis, widow, and Sir James Austin Bourdillon K.C.S.I. The value of the estate was £33956 14s. 1d. [England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966]



Louisa Campbell Brown with her children: Robin, Margery, and Hugh, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

Colin Campbell Brown and Louisa Lewis married in September 1893 in Alton, Hampshire, England. They had four children:

1. **Colin Campbell Brown:** born c1894 in China; died c1896 in China [*Linda Kennedy*]
2. **Robin Lewis Campbell Brown:** born c1895 in China; died June 8, 1917 and is buried in Poperinge, West Flanders, Belgium. Robin Lewis Campbell Brown did not marry. Letters that Robin Campbell Brown sent home from the time he served in the First World War have been transcribed and are in two folders in the Greater Vernon Museum 7 Archives. [*Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <www.cwgc.org>*]
3. **Margery Campbell Brown:** born November 11, 1897 in China; died May 16, 1986 in Port Hardy, BC; married John Arthur Leslie Caesar on July 31, 1922 in Oyama, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B16580, Registration #1986-09-007717*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13744, Registration #1922-09-250646*]

John Arthur Leslie Caesar: born May 29, 1879 in Shirley, Hampshire, England; died September 27, 1957 in Mill Bay, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13234, Registration #1957-09-010547*]

4. **Hugh Ivie Campbell Brown:** born December 29, 1901 in Alton, Hampshire, England; died February 25, 1982 in Vernon, BC; married Mary Agnes Knox on May 2, 1935 in Vancouver, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13618, Registration #1982-09-003873*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13769, Registration #1935-09-424352*]

Mary Agnes Knox: born December 11, 1902 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; died December 9, 1995 in Vernon, BC. [*"Morning Star", December 6, 1995, page 39*]



Margery and Louisa Campbell Brown, undated
Waiting for a bus at Amory

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

After Colin and Louisa Campbell Brown immigrated to Canada in 1913, they continued their missionary work in the Okanagan and later in the Nanaimo area (Vancouver Island) until Colin's death in 1924. Louisa then returned to the Okanagan. In the 1930s and 1940s, she operated

what she called a summer camp at “Amory Camp”, her home on Kalamalka Lake north of Oyama. [Linda Kennedy]



Summer rental cabin at Amory Camp, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015



View to the north from Amory Camp, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

In 1939, Louisa Campbell Brown made a final trip back to China. Her granddaughter, Linda Kennedy, wrote about this in her article “History of E.R. #7 – The Campbell Brown Ecological Reserve” on pages 77 - 82 of the Sixty-seventh Report of the Okanagan Historical Society. The excerpt below is from pages 80 and 81:

After Colin died, Louisa returned to Amory and developed it as a summer camp with small cottages on the beach, and tea and fresh cream served at her house on summer afternoons. In 1939 at the age of 79 she announced to her family that she had promised Colin that if she ever got a chance she would return to China. She had just received an unexpected sum of money. She saw that money as a sign that it was time to return to China. The Sino-Japanese War was in full swing

but there was no stopping her. She got a ride on the back of a motorcycle to Vancouver and from there set off to visit their friends near Amoy in China and other friends in Hanoi. Her diary records dodging air raids and writing furious letters to the American government for supplying aluminum to the Japanese. She stayed six weeks and came home thrilled with the people she had seen and with a picture of the Boys School she had started so many years earlier.



The house at Amory Camp, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015



Louisa Campbell Brown on the veranda at Amory, undated

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

By 1949, Louisa Campbell Brown was unable to maintain her own home, and so she joined Hugh and Mary Campbell Brown and their children in their home at Okanagan Landing.

Louisa Campbell Brown (nee Lowis) died in Vernon on May 5, 1960. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13246, Registration #1960-09-005974]*

The following obituary appeared in the "Vernon News" in May 1960:

Campbell Brown – Passed away at her residence, 4205 Pleasant Valley Road, on Thursday, May 5, 1960, Louisa Campbell Brown in her 96th year. A resident of the Vernon area for the past 40 years. Survived by one son, Hugh, Vernon; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Caesar of Millbay [Mill Bay], Vancouver Island; 6

grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. Funeral service for the late Louisa Campbell Brown was held from the Vernon United Church on Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. A.W. Dobson officiated. Interment was in the Vernon Cemetery. Campbell & Winter Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

The following tribute appeared in the "Vernon News" in May 1960:

Rites Saturday For Well-Loved Vernon Citizen

The death on May 5 of Mrs. Louisa Campbell-Brown, ended a life that was long, full and "very happy." Mrs. Campbell-Brown, a well-loved citizen, died at home in her 96th year.

An authoress, artist and missionary, her life was dedicated to other people. She was founder of a college in China, to which she made her last visit at the age of 75 years [79 years]. Mrs. Campbell-Brown was born in Scotland and went to China with her husband as a Presbyterian missionary. Her three children were born at Amoy where Mrs. Campbell-Brown established the Chuar Chow Westminster, a college graduating a thousand doctors, lawyers, educators, artists and technicians every year.

Amory Ranch, Oyama, was the first home in Canada of the Campbell-Brown family after they came here in 1911 [1913]. Mrs. Campbell-Brown was a very active figure in the United Church at Oyama during her years there. After her return trip to China in 1939 she wrote the book, "China Revisited."

Surviving are one son, Dr. Hugh Campbell-Brown, Vernon; one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Ceasar [Caesar] of Mill Bay, V.I. [Vancouver Island], six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Louisa Campbell Brown (nee Lowis), undated

Photograph by her son Hugh Campbell Brown

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

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HEBBERT, William Bourdillon: (1885 – 1939)

Location: This grave is located on private property in the hills east of District of Lake Country. It was William Bourdillon Hebbert's wish to be buried in this location. *[Robert Hebbert]*

Transcription: William Bourdillon HEBBERT / Lieut – Commander R.N. / 1885 – 1939

Biographical Information: William Bourdillon Hebbert was born in India on January 7, 1885, son of Henry Leith Hebbert and Emily Bourdillon, both born in India. He married Jessie Palmer on February 6, 1922 at Lavington, BC. William Bourdillon Hebbert died April 23, 1939 at Oyama, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm # B13165, Registration #1939-09-556308] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13744, Registration #1922-09-250667] [Robert Hebbert]*



Lieutenant William Bourdillon Hebbert, R.N.R., January 1913

Photo Credit: Robert Hebbert, 01 April 2015

William Bourdillon Hebbert's father, Henry Leith Hebbert, was born in Bombay, India c1855. *[1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411]*

Henry Leith Hebbert's marriage to Emily Bourdillon was registered at Tunbridge, Surrey, England in the third quarter of 1883. Emily Bourdillon was born in Madras, India on January 14, 1861 and baptized March 13, 1861. *[1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411] [FreeBMD] [India, Select Births and Baptisms, 1786-1947]*

In 1891, William Bourdillon Hebbert was living with his widowed maternal grandmother in Dorking, Surrey, England. A visitor and three servants were also in this household. At this time, William's parents were probably living in India. *[1891 England Census: Surrey, Dorking; Class RG12; Piece 576; Folio 77; Page 50]*

Bourdillon, Anne	head	age 72	born Ireland	living on own means
Bourdillon, Charlotte	daughter	age 31	born India	living on own means
Hebbert, William B.	grandson	age 6	born India	scholar

In 1901, William Bourdillon Hebbert was living with his parents and siblings in Reigate, Surrey, England. Five servants were also in this household. [1901 England Census: Surrey, Reigate; Class RG13; Piece 625; Folio 119; Page 37]

Hebbert, Henry L	head	age 45	born India	civil engineer retired
Hebbert, Emily	wife	age 40	born India	
Hebbert, William B	son	age 16	born India	
Hebbert, Christobel B	daughter	age 13	born Tunbridge Wells, Kent	
Hebbert, Annie M	daughter	age 12	born India	
Hebbert, Henry E	son	age 7	born India	
Hebbert, Heatherbel M	daughter	age 4	born Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire	

In 1911, Henry Leith Hebbert and family were living at Vale Lodge, 1 Vale Avenue, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. According to this census, Henry L. and Emily Hebbert had been married 27 years and had had seven children, of whom six were still living. Three servants were also in this household. [1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411]

Hebbert, Henry Leith	head	age 55	born Bombay, India	engineer retired India Public Works
Hebbert, Emily	wife	age 50	born Madras, India	
Hebbert, Barbara C	daughter	age 23	born Tunbridge Wells, Kent	student
Hebbert, Annie M	daughter	age 22	born Punjab, India	student
Hebbert, Heatherbel M	daughter	age 14	born Cambridgeshire	at school
Hebbert, John F	son	age 7	born Reigate, Surrey	at school

Henry Leith Hebbert died June 7, 1930 in Somerset, England. His estate was probated September 4, 1930. A transcription of the probate follows. [National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858 - 1966]

Hebbert Henry Leith of Pwll Bottom Curry Rivil Somersetshire died 7 June 1930 at Chesterfield Nursing Home Clifton Gloucestershire Probate London 4 September to Emily Hebbert widow and Heatherbell Mary Hebbert spinster. Effects £7409 5s. 6d.

Emily Bourdillon and her family were listed on the 1871 England Census in Greenwich, Kent. Four servants were also in the household. [1871 England Census: Kent, Greenwich; Piece 760; Folio 41; Page 32]

Bourdillon, James D	head	age 60	born Hampshire	India civil service retired
Bourdillon, Anne	wife	age 52	born Ireland	
Bourdillon, Annie Fulton	daughter	age 13	born Kent, England	scholar
Bourdillon, Charlotte	daughter	age 11	born India	scholar
Bourdillon, Emily	daughter	age 10	born India	scholar

In 1881, Emily Bourdillon was living with her parents, brother, and two sisters in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Three servants were also in the household. [1881 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG11; Piece 913; Folio 119; Page 48]

Bourdillon, James D	head	age 70	born Hampshire	annuitant
Bourdillon, Frank W	son	age 29	born India	coffee planter
Bourdillon, Anne J	wife	age 62	born Ireland	
Bourdillon, Charlotte	daughter	age 21	born India	
Bourdillon, Emily	daughter	age 20	born India	

Emily Hebbert (nee Bourdillon) died July 1, 1950 in Somerset, England. Her estate was probated January 16, 1951. A transcription of the probate follows. [National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966]

Hebbert Emily of Mowland Orchard Yeabridge South Petherton Somersetshire widow died 1 July 1950 Probate London 16 January to Henry Eric Hebbert retired colonel H.M. army. Effects £1825 1s. 11d.

Henry Leith Hebbert and Emily Bourdillon had seven children. [1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411]

1. **William Bourdillon Hebbert:** born January 7, 1885 in Bombay, India; died April 23, 1939 in Oyama, BC; married Jessie Palmer on February 6, 1922 in Lavington, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm # B13165, Registration #1939-09-556308] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13744, Registration #1922-09-250667]

Jessie Palmer: born January 12, 1896 in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. Her parents were Ross Elliot Palmer and Jessie Reid, both born in England. Jessie Hebbert died March 19, 1993 in Sidney, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993008222.jpg, Reg. #1993-09-008222]

2. **Austin Leith Hebbert:** born 1886 in India; death registered in the third quarter of 1886 at Tunbridge Wells, England. He died as the result of an accident on board a ship returning to England. [Find My Past: England & Wales deaths 1837-2007] [Robert Hebbert]
3. **Barbara Christobel Hebbert:** born 1887 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England; died 1962 in Lothing, Suffolk, England; married Ernest Henry Child in 1921 in Tonbridge district, England. [Find My Past] [1901 England Census: Surrey, Reigate; Class RG13; Piece 625; Folio 119; Page 37] [Free BMD]

Ernest Henry Child: born 1885 in London, England. [Robert Hebbert]

4. **Annie Myra Hebbert:** born March 29, 1889 in Kussowlie, Bengal, India; baptized July 17, 1889; died 1977 in Malvern, Worcestershire, England; married William Howard Murray Walton in the third quarter of 1915 in Tonbridge district, England. [1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411] [Find My Past: British India Office births & baptisms; Parish register transcripts from the Presidency of Bengal] [Find My Past: England & Wales deaths 1837-2007] [Find My Past: England & Wales marriages 1837-2008]

William Howard Murray Walton: born March 9, 1890 in Cape Town, South Africa; died 1980 in Malvern, Worcestershire, England. [1891 England Census: Lancashire, Salford; Class RG12; Piece 3204; Folio 3; Page 2; GSU roll 6098314] [Find My Past: England & Wales deaths 1837-2007]

5. **Henry Eric (Tommy) Hebbert:** born c1894 in India; died 1980 in Oxford, England; married Lilian Mabel (Ann) Chilton in 1933 in London, England. [1901 England Census: Surrey, Reigate; Class RG13; Piece 625; Folio 119; Page 37] [Find My Past: England & Wales marriages 1837-2008]

Lilian Mabel (Ann) Chilton: born August 31, 1894; died 1976 in Oxford, England. [Find My Past: England & Wales deaths 1837-2007]

6. **Heatherbel Mary Hebbert:** born July 18, 1896 in Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire, England; baptized August 7, 1896; married Ben Chisholm in Australia after 1950; died in England in the 1970s. [1901 England Census: Surrey, Reigate; Class RG13; Piece 625; Folio 119; Page 37] [Find My Past: Cambridgeshire Baptisms] [Robert Hebbert]

Ben Chisholm: died c1965, probably in Australia. [Robert Hebbert]

7. **John Fulton Hebbert:** born July 10, 1902 in Reigate, Surrey, England; baptized October 1, 1903 in Redhill, Woking, Surrey, England; died April 4, 1962 in Maple Bay, BC; married Alexandra Mary Simpson on August 6, 1927 in Quamichan, BC. [1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14; Piece 4050; Schedule 411] [Ancestry.ca: Surrey, England, Baptisms, 1813-1912] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13256, Registration #1962-09-004783] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13753, Registration #1927-09-315538]

Alexandra Mary Simpson: born November 24, 1901 in Auckland, New Zealand; died July 1, 1951 in Maple Bay, BC; daughter of Charles Edward Tierney Simpson and Jean Harris. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13208, Registration #1951-09-006590]

In October 1905, William Bourdillon Hebbert received the "Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a Foreign-Going Ship" by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade. On June 28, 1912, he received the "Certificate of Competency as Master of Foreign-Going Steamships Only" by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade. *[UK and Ireland, Masters and Mates Certificates, 1850-1927]*

On March 26, 1908, William Bourdillon Hebbert was listed as having last served on the "S.S. Canara" as First Mate. *[New South Wales, Australia, Registers of Seamen, 1859-1936]*

William Bourdillon Hebbert enlisted in the Royal Navy on September 1, 1913 and served as Lieutenant-Commander in the First World War. He retired from the Royal Navy on April 20, 1920. His last ship was the "H.M.S. Victory". William Hebbert was awarded three medals: 1914-15 Star, Victory & British War Medals. *[Royal Navy Officers 1899-1919 Transcription]* *[Royal Navy Officers Medal Roll 1914-1920 Transcription]*

Recently retired from the Royal Navy, William Hebbert immigrated to Canada. He sailed on the "Scandinavian" from Southampton, England and arrived at Saint John, New Brunswick on March 27, 1921. His stated destination was British Columbia, where he intended to farm. The passage was paid by the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada. *[Library and Archives Canada; Form 30A Ocean Arrivals (Individual Manifests), 1919-1924]*

In the 1921 Canada Census, William Hebbert was listed as a lodger and orchard hand, age 36 years, living in Coldstream in the North Okanagan near Vernon. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 8; Family 81]*

William Hebbert married Jessie Palmer on February 6, 1922 in Lavington, near Vernon, BC. According to their BC Marriage Registration, Jessie Palmer was 26 years old, born in County Kerry, Ireland, and was working as a teacher. William Bourdillon Hebbert was listed as a rancher. The witnesses were Stephen Freeman of White Valley, BC and Geoff Ollerhead of Okanagan Landing, BC. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13744, Registration #1922-09-250667]*

Before coming to Canada, Jessie Palmer had been engaged. Her fiancé was killed in the First World War. Jessie heard a talk given by the Rev. Barr about the need for teachers in western Canada. He was offering passage to Canada and free tuition at the Normal School in Regina. Jessie decided to emigrate. She arrived in New York in August 1918 on the "Olympic". Her stated destination was Regina, Saskatchewan and she was planning to work as a teacher. *[Ancestry.ca: Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865 - 1935]* *[Robert Hebbert]*

Jessie Palmer spent a couple of summers in the Okanagan visiting relatives. She was asked to open a private school in Lavington, near Vernon, BC. Heatherbel Hebbert asked her brother William to visit with Jessie Palmer. Jessie was Heatherbel's childhood friend and they had maintained a correspondence. William had a friend obtain information about Jessie before arranging to meet her. *[Robert Hebbert]*

According to Robert Hebbert, Jessie Palmer was the second of seven children. Her siblings were: Mary, Eileen, Dorothy, Donald, Edward (Ted), and John. Their parents were Ross Elliot Palmer and Jessie Reid.

Jessie Palmer and her parents and siblings were listed on the 1901 Ireland Census living in Ballyheige, County Kerry. Gilbert Elliot, born in India, was a visitor and there were three household servants. *[1901 Ireland Census: County Kerry, Ballyheige]*

Palmer, Ross	head	age 36	born England	creamery proprietor
Palmer, Jessie	wife	age 28	born India	
Palmer, Jessie	daughter	age 5	born Kerry	scholar
Palmer, Mary	daughter	age 6	born England	scholar
Palmer, Eileen	daughter	age 1	born Dublin	
Palmer, Dorothy	daughter	age 3	born Kerry	

Palmer, Violet	niece	age 20	born England	
Elliot, Gilbert	visitor	age 27	born India	creamery proprietor

In 1911, Ross and Jessie Palmer and two young sons were living at Skrillagh, County Kerry, Ireland. Ross and Jessie Palmer had been married 17 years and had had six children, all still living in 1911. There were three servants in the household. *[1911 Ireland Census: County Kerry, Skrillagh]*

Palmer, Ross Elliot	head	age 45	born England	creamery owner
Palmer, Jessie	wife	age 38	born India	
Palmer, Donald Horsley	son	age 5	born Dublin	scholar
Palmer, Edward Carrington	son	age 1	born Dublin	

In 1911, Jessie Palmer and two of her sisters were living with their aunt at 2 Nevill Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England. *[1911 England Census: Kent, Tunbridge Wells; Class RG14, Piece 4045; Schedule 26]*

Palmer, Louisa	head	age 57	born Hampshire, England	living on private means
Palmer, Jessie	niece	age 15	born Ballyheigue, Kerry, Ireland	at school
Palmer, Dorothy	niece	age 13	born Ballyheigue, Kerry, Ireland	at school
Palmer, Eileen	niece	age 11	born Dublin, Ireland	at school

Ross Elliot Palmer died in 1941 in Bournemouth, Dorset, England. His wife, Jessie Palmer, died c1952 in England. *[Find My Past: England & Wales deaths 1837-2007] [Robert Hebbert]*



William Bourdillon Hebbert and Jessie Hebbert (nee Palmer), c1922

Photo Credit: Robert Hebbert, 13 April 2015

William and Jessie Hebbert purchased from M.P. Williams 40 acres near the south end of Wood Lake. This property, on a hillside, had a beautiful view. They named the property "Ajax" after a ship on which William Hebbert had served. The Hebberts grew oats on this property. They moved to Vernon, BC c1930. From there, they moved to North Vancouver where they purchased property c1932. By 1936, the Hebberts and their two sons were back in the Okanagan staying with Mrs. Winn in Oyama. *[Robert Hebbert]*

Family members visited the Hebberts during their time in the Okanagan. William Hebbert's parents, Henry L. and Emily Hebbert, visited in 1924. They left London, England and arrived in

Quebec City on the "Minnedosa" on April 26, 1924. Their intention was to visit their sons [William B. and John F.] and daughter [Christabel]. Their contact was W.B. Hebbert in Vernon, BC. [*Library and Archives Canada; Form 30A Ocean Arrivals (Individual Manifests), 1919-1924*]



Gathering at Ajax, the home of William and Jessie Hebbert, Hebbert Road, Oyama, c1923

Louisa Campbell Brown, Stephen Freeman, Maud Freeman, William Bourdillon Hebbert,
Murray Walton, John Fulton Hebbert, Jessie Hebbert

Robert Hebbert identified the people in this photo.

Photo Credit: Linda Kennedy, 01 April 2015

For a number of years, William Hebbert prospected for gold in the hills above his property at the south end of Wood Lake. Sometime prior to 1936, he built a small cabin where he stayed while prospecting. His sons, Thomas and Robert, sometimes accompanied him on these excursions.
[Robert Hebbert]



William Bourdillon Hebbert's miner's cabin,
upper portion of his property on the east side of Wood Lake, undated

Photo Credit: Robert Hebbert, 2013

William Bourdillon Hebbert died at Oyama April 23, 1939. According to his BC Death Registration, William Hebbert was buried in the "Vicinity of Oyama, B.C." on April 25, 1939. The informant of his death was his wife, Jessie Hebbert. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm # B13165, Registration #1939-09-556308]*

The presiding doctor at William Bourdillon Hebbert's death was Hugh Campbell Brown of Vernon who was related to Jessie Hebbert (nee Palmer) through Hugh's mother, Louisa Campbell Brown (nee Lewis). Louisa's father, John Mangles Lewis, had served in Bengal, India. Sir James Austin Bourdillon, whose wife was Mary Wake Lewis, was an executor of Louisa's father's will in 1908. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13165, Registration #1939-09-556308] [John Mangles Lewis; Probate Date: 9 Sep 1908; Death Date: 19 Aug 1908]*

Jessie Hebbert left the Okanagan and died in Sidney, BC on March 19, 1993 at the age of 97 years. The informant on her BC Death Registration was her son Thomas. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993008222.jpg, Reg. #1993-09-008222]*



Lieutenant-Commander William Bourdillon Hebbert, undated

Photo Credit: Robert Hebbert, 2013

Additional information about William Bourdillon Hebbert is found in an unpublished document William Bourdillon Hebbert by Owen Hebbert, a great grandson:

William Bourdillon Hebbert was born in India on January 7, 1885. His father, Henry Leith Hebbert, was a prominent English engineer in the Punjab (I believe that it was the Punjab, though I'd have to double-check to be certain). Most if not all of Henry's children were born in India. William was not only a remarkably short fellow, who I'm told eventually, grew to be little more than five feet tall, but looking back now, there is reason to believe that he was likely also extremely dyslexic. He was sent to England at a very young age and (if I'm not mistaken) was cared for by a nurse whom he loved dearly. For whatever reason, William was sent to sea at the age of fourteen. He was on merchant ships going from England, around the Horn [Cape Horn] and up to New Zealand. He eventually joined the Reserves and moved from there, due to his unusual competence and ability to command, to being an officer in the Royal Navy. Now, not surprisingly,

William was below the minimum height required of an officer in the Royal Navy. I have heard stories from a couple sources of how he became an officer due to outstanding competency in a gunnery competition that was being judged by an influential admiral.

During World War One, William served on the H.M.S. Ajax as a Lieutenant-Commander in command of (if I'm not mistaken) the B-Turret (there were five large gun turrets on the Ajax ? A, B, Q, X and Y). There was little action for the naval fellows most of the time, as they were sort [of] set aside until required. So, feeling guilt from the knowledge that their comrades were doing constant and horrible fighting in the trenches whilst they simply waited about in English ports, the naval fellows would sometimes spend their free time going over to France to help fight in the trenches. William, whose brother, Henry Eric Hebbert, was engaging in horrible fighting in the trenches, felt this same shame and went to help in the trenches when he wasn't required on the Ajax. Then came the Battle of Jutland, in which William was serving on the Ajax in B-Turret. It was quite a significant battle, and following it the naval fellows apparently didn't feel as guilty of not pulling their weight anymore. When the Bolsheviks took over the government in Russia, the aristocracy opposed to Communism were suddenly in a very tight position. They became refugees and many escaped Russia through Turkey. However, for reasons no doubt relating to finance, the Russians sent spies into Turkey to assassinate members of the escaping aristocracy. Following WWI William was selected by British Naval Intelligence to serve in Constantinople hunting down Russian spies. He was well-suited for the job, as he was a small, unassuming man in appearance but was an experienced hand at fighting as well as being fluent in over half a dozen languages. Nobody knows anything about what William did in that time, except that it is believed to have affected him badly. He never talked about it, even to Jessie. William moved to Canada. When he was leaving England, his sister told him to look up an old friend of hers? Jessie Palmer. He had met her once (before the war, I believe) and when he went to Canada, they apparently got on, because they eventually married. They were both personality-rich people who had lived colourful (if not necessarily idyllic) lives. I'm not actually sure how many children William had, but I do know that there are two still alive: my grandfather (Thomas L.B. Hebbert) who lives near where I currently reside and his brother, Robert. My grandfather still remembers that William taught him to fight with his hands from the age of six. While his boys were still very young, William died from cancer of the throat. He had always smoked and I actually have an old photograph picturing him with a cigarette. At the time of his death, young Thomas was traveling home from a boarding school in England. Tragically, William was already dead and buried by the time his son arrived.

Authors [Owen Hebbert] Disclaimer:

Certain details of the account may require verification.

Editors [Owen Hebbert] Note:

William Hebbert is buried on private property on an upper bench of Oyama along with Phyllis D. [Doreen] Pattullo. His obituary in the Vernon News states, After a long illness, Commander William Bourdillan [Bourdillon] Hebbert passed away at his home in Oyama on Sunday, April 23. Mr. Hebbert expressed a desire before he died to be buried on the range above Oyama and his wishes have been carried out.

Hebbert Road in District of Lake Country is named after this family.



William Bourdillon Hebbert's grave
in the hills east of Oyama

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 31 August 2010

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The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS acknowledges the late Allan and Elsie Claridge (nee Tyrrell) and their son Don for information about the location of this grave. The CRC thanks Tom Conti for allowing access to this grave. We thank Robert Hebbert for providing photographs and information about his father William Bourdillon Hebbert and family.

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PATTULLO, Phyllis Doreen: (1929 – 1940)

Location: This grave is located on private property in the hills east of District of Lake Country. Oyama Community Cemetery did not open until 1944 and so there was no local burial ground at the time of Phyllis' death. *[Allan and Elsie Claridge]*

Transcription: In Loving Memory / Phyllis Doreen / PATTULLO / 1929 - 1940

Biographical Information: Phyllis Doreen Pattullo was born in Vernon, BC on January 31, 1929. Her parents were Gordon William Wellington Pattullo (August 21, 1896 - April 4, 1993) and Dorothy Edna Alice Rea (December 28, 1905 - September 21, 1975). The family lived at Oyama. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13167, Registration #1940-09-567186] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1993009549.jpg, Registration #1993-09-009549] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13347, Registration #1975-09-017305]*

Phyllis Pattullo died of leukemia in Kelowna General Hospital on January 8, 1940. She was buried January 10, 1940 in the hills above Oyama near where William Bourdillon Hebbert was buried. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13167, Registration #1940-09-567186]*

One of Phyllis Pattullo's classmates, in 2014, remembered that Phyllis was very graceful and had a lovely singing voice. She performed at a Christmas concert the year before she died. This classmate was concerned that Phyllis' grave in its remote location would be forgotten and was pleased to learn that information about Phyllis is included in this publication. *[Bob Hayes]*

Gordon William Wellington Pattullo married Dorothy Edna Alice Rea in Oyama on December 28, 1925 at the home of the bride's mother. The witnesses were H.H. Pattullo of Vernon and Laura Rea of Oyama. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13752, Registration #1925-09-310916]*

Gordon Pattullo was born at Manitou, Manitoba to William Pattullo and Effie Wellington. At the time of his marriage, Gordon Pattullo was working as a mechanic. Dorothy Edna Alice Rea was born at Pincher Creek, Alberta to Walter Humes Rea and Emma Alice Mary Ashton, and was working as a stenographer at the time of her marriage. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13752, Registration #1925-09-310916]*

Gordon and Dorothy Pattullo had three children:

- Lorraine Pattullo
- Phyllis Doreen Pattullo
- Gerald Pattullo

Additional information about Gordon Pattullo appeared in "Gordie's 'drop': a local legend", an article in the Wednesday, February 24, 1993 edition of "The Calendar", page 17. Gordon Pattullo was interviewed at age 96 about his baseball prowess – including his legendary drop throw – at his home in Winfield's Pleasant Meadows Lodge. Part of this article appears below:

Gordie [Pattullo] earned a living with a Chevy truck which he purchased to run produce and other freight to and from Vernon.

"I paid half in cash and the rest they carried and I worked to pay it off as quickly as I could," he says. "It was a nice truck...never gave me a bit of trouble."

As part of his regular schedule he would drive to Vernon two days a week on a road he describes as "pretty good".

"In those days you still saw quite a few wagons," he says. "There are a lot more cars than wagons today."

Registered Nurse Janet Gyorfi steps into the room and asks him to talk about the fire he had with his truck. Gordie pauses, then grins. He relates a story about driving his truck down the road, smoking a cigarette. He tossed it out the window and a while later noticed the cab filling with smoke. There were people nearby when he stopped the truck and, as he says, they soon put it out. Gordie never smoked again.

"You know, the trucks today are larger. And I think they might be even better than the one I had," he speculates.

Today Gordie Pattullo likes to reminisce about the good old days, the warm days of spring and summer when he and his friends would go out and hit a ball around a field. Friday afternoon he relived a little of that life. The amazing drop-ball pitcher, a legend of Oyama, Saskatchewan and Manitoba baseball, says he spends a great deal of time thinking about those days, but he sums it all up with a single simple line:

"It was all in a life."

Phyllis' parents, Gordon and Dorothy Pattullo, are buried in Oyama Community Cemetery. *[Allan and Elsie Claridge]*



Phyllis Doreen Pattullo, August 1939

Photo Credit: Lake Country Museum & Archives, Object ID 2013.51.11



Phyllis Doreen Pattullo in wedding party, Rutland, BC, c1938

Phyllis Pattulo, Clarence Hall, Angus MacLaren, Gordon Hall (groom), Iva Gleave (bride), bride's brother, unidentified woman, Shirley Whipple

Photo Credit: Shirley Horner (nee Whipple)

Phyllis Pattullo's obituary appeared in the January 18, 1940 edition of the "Vernon News", page 2:

Oyama Little Girl's Death Came as Shock to Entire District

Oyama, B.C., Jan. 15. - The death occurred at the Kelowna Hospital on January 8 of Phyllis Doreen Pattullo, aged 10 years, 11 months, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Pattullo, of Oyama.

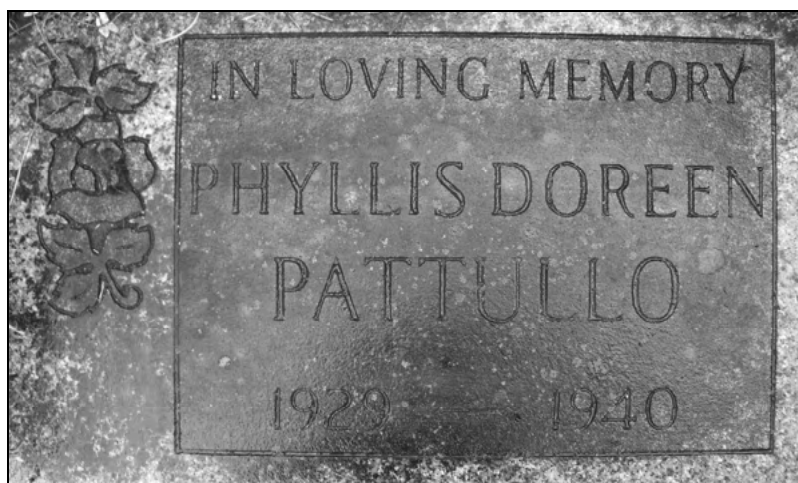
The child was of a very sweet nature and had endeared herself to both young and old by her dancing and dramatic ability and the news of her death came as a great shock.

Born in Vernon, she has spent nearly all her life in the Oyama district. In addition to her parents she leaves to mourn her loss, her sister, Lorraine; her brother, Gerald; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Rea, of Oyama, and Mrs. E. Pattullo, of Port [Fort] San, Sask.

The funeral was held from St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oyama, the Rev. C.S. Wright officiating.

The following "Card of Thanks" appeared in the Thursday, January 18, 1940 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 5:

We wish to thank our many friends, relatives and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy and their beautiful floral offerings, and Dr. Knox and the nurses of the Kelowna General Hospital for the care of our little Phyllis. Special thanks to Rev. C.S. Wright for his consoling words during our sad bereavement.
– Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Pattullo and family.



Phyllis Doreen Pattullo's grave
in the hills east of Oyama

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 31 August 2010

Acknowledgements

The Cemetery Recording Committee of the KDGS acknowledges the late Allan Claridge, his wife the late Elsie Claridge (nee Tyrrell), and their son Don for information on the location of this grave. The CRC thanks Tom Conti for allowing access to this grave. We thank Shirley Horner (nee Whipple) for the wedding photograph which includes Phyllis Doreen Pattullo.

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Near the graves of William Bourdillon Hebbert and Phyllis Doreen Pattullo
Located on private property near Oyama

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 31 August 2010

Paul's Tomb (Kelowna)

Included in this section are:

- Paul, Elizabeth Hannah Jane (nee Davis)
- Paul, Rembler Johnson
 - Paul's Tomb in Knox Mountain Park

PAUL, Elizabeth Hannah Jane (nee Davis): (1831 – 1914)

Location: This tomb is located north of downtown Kelowna near the shore line of Okanagan Lake.

Transcription: Because of vandalism, the tomb was backfilled leaving only the date "AD 1910" showing. [Bob Hayes]

Biographical Information: Elizabeth Hannah Jane Davis was born November 11, 1831 at Toronto, then known as York. Her parents were Calvin Davis and Elizabeth McDonald. On July 28, 1853, Elizabeth Hannah Jane Davis married Rembler Johnson Paul. She died June 5, 1914 in Kelowna, BC. [1901 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Regina; Page 4; Family 38] ["Christian Guardian", August 1853] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1914-09-204585]

Calvin Davis and Elizabeth McDonald farmed near Toronto. Calvin Davis died before 1871. Elizabeth Davis died August 21, 1879 in York, Ontario. Calvin and Elizabeth Davis are buried in the Necropolis in St. James Cemetery, Toronto. [1851 Canada Census: Canada West (Ontario), York County, King; Schedule B; Page 205; Line 18] [1861 Canada Census: Canada West (Ontario), York County, King; Schedule B; Page 98] [1871 Canada Census: Ontario, York East, York; Page 63; Family 244] [Lynda Doyle] [Archives of Ontario; Series: MS935; Reel: 23; #018475]

In the 1871 Canada Census, Elizabeth Davis (nee McDonald) was a widow living with her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson in Toronto. [1871 Canada Census: Ontario, York East, York; Page 63; Family 244]

Paul, Rembler	married	age 38	born Quebec	Spiritualist	veterinary surgeon
Paul, Eliza G.H.J.	married	age 39	born Ontario	Spiritualist	
Paul, Samuel		age 4	born Ontario	Spiritualist	
Davis, Elizabeth	widowed	age 68	born Quebec	Spiritualist	

Rembler and Elizabeth Paul were still living in Toronto in 1881. By the time of the 1891 Canada Census, they had moved west, settling first in Moose Jaw and later in Regina. [1881 Canada Census: Ontario, York West, York West; Page 25; Family 111] [1891 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Moose Jaw; Family 113] [1901 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Regina; Page 4; Family 38]

Rembler Johnson Paul and Elizabeth Hannah Jane Paul retired to Kelowna from Regina in May 1905. They had a fine residence built on the north side of Bernard Avenue between St. Paul and Richter streets. Much of their time was spent at their summer home located on the shore of Okanagan Lake, at the base of Knox Mountain, north of downtown Kelowna. Near this summer home they had a tomb constructed as a final resting place for up to eight members of the Paul family. While the summer home no longer exists, lilacs and irises from the garden continue to bloom each spring. ["Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, November 23, 1916] [Okanagan Historical Society. Twenty-fourth Report. Vernon: Vernon News, 1960, pages 22 - 30] [Bob Hayes]

Elizabeth Paul died at Kelowna on June 5, 1914 and her body was interred in the Paul family tomb on June 7, 1914. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1914-09-204585]

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, June 11, 1914 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 7:

The Late Mrs. Rembler Paul

An esteemed resident of Kelowna passed away on Friday in the person of Mrs. E.G. [Elizabeth Hannah] Paul, wife of Mr. Rembler Paul. Although a sufferer for the past nine years from that dread disease cancer, she had reached the advanced age of 83 years, having been born in 1831 at Toronto, when it was known as York. She had resided here since May, 1905.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Rev. T. Greene officiating, and the body was taken thereafter by boat to the family vault, situated on the lake shore, about five miles north of Kelowna.

Rembler Johnson Paul and Elizabeth Hannah Jane Davis had one child:

- **Samuel George Paul:** born October 25, 1866 in Ontario; died March 13, 1909 at Regina, Saskatchewan; married 1) Mary Catherine Hull on May 27, 1890 at Elkhorn, Manitoba 2) Margaret Hill. [1901 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Regina; Page 4; Family 39] [Lynda Doyle]

Mary Catherine Hull: born c1861 in England; died 1897, place unknown.
[1891 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Moose Jaw; Family 202] [Lynda Doyle]

Margaret Hill: born September 5, 1874 in England; died July 15, 1968 in Kelowna. She was buried in Kelowna City Cemetery. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13290, Registration #1968-09-009718]

Samuel George Paul and Mary Catherine Hull had four children:

1. Ethel Paul: born April 18, 1891 at Regina; died August 1891. [Lynda Doyle]
2. Reginald Lawrence Paul: born April 7, 1893 in Carberry, Manitoba; date and place of death not known. He immigrated to the United States in 1911 but returned to Canada for a time becoming a member of the Royal North West Mounted Police. In the 1916 Canada Census, Reginald was working as an engineer on the railway. He enlisted on July 27, 1916 in Lethbridge and served in the First World War. He was single and working as a printer's helper in Long Beach, California in 1930. [Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court for the Territory of Arizona, 1864-1915] [1916 Canada Census: Alberta, Lethbridge; 20C; Page 22; Family 244] [Soldiers of the First World War, 1914-1918: Reginald L. Paul: Regiment Number 1039347] [1930 US Census: California, Los Angeles, Long Beach; Roll 128; Page 5A, Enumeration District 1068]
3. Robert Paul: born August 25, 1895 in Regina, Saskatchewan; died October 13, 1931 at Vancouver, BC. Robert Paul enlisted in the First World War on March 9, 1917 in Vernon, BC. His occupation was farmer. In the 1921 Canada Census, he was single, living in Rutland, BC, and working for Black Mountain Irrigation District as a labourer. [Soldiers of the First World War, 1914-1918: Robert Paul: Regiment Number 2142341] [1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 11; Family 128] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13142, Registration #1931-09-456792]

Robert Paul's obituary appeared in the Thursday, October 22, 1931 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist":

Mr. Robert Paul

The death occurred on Tuesday, October 13th, of Mr. Robert Paul, aged 36 years, who passed away in hospital in Vancouver following an illness of nine days. Death was caused by pneumonia.

The late Mr. Paul was a former resident of Kelowna, and he leaves many friends here to mourn his loss. He came to the Orchard City from Regina, where he was born, in 1910, when he went to work on the Casorso ranch. Following the outbreak of the Great War, he enlisted in the 2nd C.M.R.'s, and was severely wounded and gassed overseas. Effects of the gas hastened his end when he contracted pneumonia. After the War, he returned to Kelowna and worked for Mr. Sandy Gordon, but in 1921, with his brother Lisle, he left for Vancouver. Soon after his arrival at the Coast, he found employment with Gilley Bros., of New Westminster, on a tugboat, and eventually became an engineer, the position he held when he became ill.

He is survived by three brothers, Mr. Percy Paul, of Kelowna; Mr. Lisle Paul, formerly of California, who is now residing here; and Mr. Reginald Paul, of Long Beach, Cal.

The funeral service was held in Vancouver on Thursday. Interment was made in Soldiers' Plot [Mountain View Cemetery].

4. Lisle Paul: born January 9, 1897 Regina, Saskatchewan; died October 29, 1961 at New Westminster, BC; married Jessie Ellen Barnett. Lisle Paul enlisted in the First World War on July 28, 1915 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His occupation was messenger. His nearest kin was his brother Reginald who was serving with the Royal North West Mounted Police. In the 1921 Canada Census, he was single, living in Regina, Saskatchewan, and working as a hotel clerk. The informant on his BC Death Registration was his wife, Jessie Ellen (nee Barnett). [*Soldiers of the First World War, 1914-1918: Lisle Paul: Regiment Number 153543*] [*1921 Canada Census: Saskatchewan, Regina, Regina (City); Page 10*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13254, Registration #1961-09-013105*]

Jessie Ellen Barnett: no information

Samuel George Paul and second wife Margaret Hill had one child:

1. Percy Stokes Paul: born August 19, 1904 in Regina, Saskatchewan; died September 11, 1945 at Kelowna; married Bernice Elizabeth Nash at Kelowna on June 10, 1925. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm # B13188, Registration #1945-09-667320*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13750, Registration #1925-09-294605*]

Bernice Elizabeth Nash: born August 12, 1904 in Blenheim, Ontario, daughter of Garnet Nash and Mary McVicar. [*Archives of Ontario; Series: MS929; Reel: 168*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13750, Registration #1925-09-294605*]

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, September 13, 1945 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 10:

Glenmore Man Dies Suddenly

Glenmore people were shocked on Tuesday when they heard of the death early that morning of Percy Paul, in the Kelowna Hospital. Although he had been very ill in hospital for the past three weeks, his passing was unexpected.

Percy Stokes Paul was born in Regina, Sask., 41 years ago, and came to Kelowna in 1910. He attended the Okanagan Mission school.

For the past several years he had owned an orchard in Glenmore, where his wife and family, along with his mother, reside. He was a carpenter by

trade, but for some years past had been working in the Kelowna Machine Shop.

He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, wife and two sons, Bernard, in the Canadian Artillery at Hamilton, Ont., and Owen at home. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of Bernard, who is expected at the end of the week.



Elizabeth Hannah Jane Paul (nee Davis), undated

Photo Credit: Lynda Doyle (nee Paul), 2008

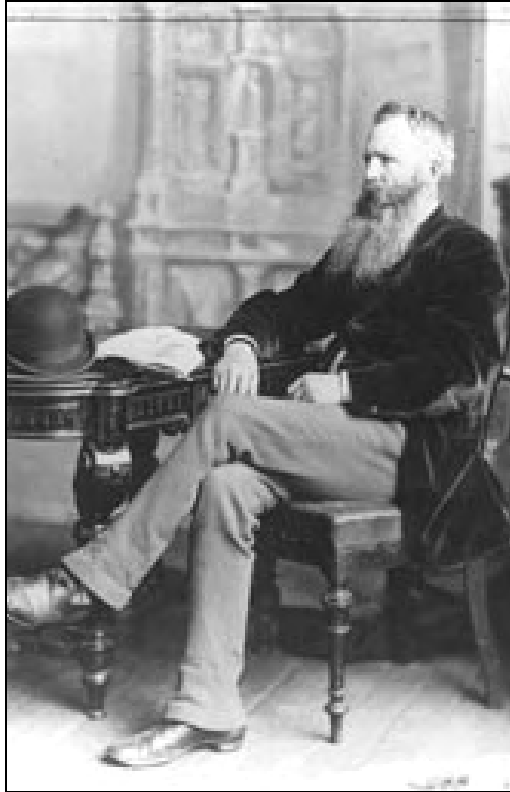
PAUL, Rembler Johnson: (1831 – 1916)

Location: This tomb is located north of downtown Kelowna near the shore line of Okanagan Lake.

Transcription: Because of vandalism, the tomb has been backfilled leaving only the date "AD 1910" showing. [Bob Hayes]

Biographical Information: Rembler Johnson Paul was born September 16, 1832. He was baptised on October 14, 1832 in the Anglican Cathedral Holy Trinity Church in Quebec City. This baptismal record states that he was born on September 16, 1832. His parents were Thomas Paul of Quebec City and Susanna (nee Johnson). [Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621 - 1967]

On July 28, 1853, Rembler Paul married Elizabeth Hannah Jane Davis. He died November 18, 1916 at Edmonton, Alberta. [Lynda Doyle] ["Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, November 23, 1916 (Obituary: Rembler Paul)]



Rembler Johnson Paul, undated

Photo Credit: Lynda Doyle (nee Paul), 2008

"R." Paul and wife "E.H.J." Paul were listed on the 1861 Canada Census in York, Canada West. His occupation was veterinary surgeon. *[1861 Canada Census: Canada West, York County, York; Page 37; Lines 10-11]*

In the 1871 Canada Census, Rembler and Elizabeth Paul were in Toronto. Their son Samuel was four years old and Elizabeth's widowed mother was living with them. *[1871 Canada Census: Ontario, York East, York; Page 63; Family 244]*

Ten years later, Rembler and Elizabeth Paul were still in York and he was working as a veterinary doctor. Their son Samuel was then 14 years old. *[1881 Canada Census: Ontario, York West, York West; Page 25; Family 111]*

The Paul family moved west, and by 1891 Rembler and Elizabeth were living in Moose Jaw where Rembler continued to work as a veterinary surgeon. Their son Samuel Paul had also moved west and had married Mary Catharine Hull. Samuel and Mary Paul were also living in Moose Jaw where Samuel was working as an electrician. *[1891 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Moose Jaw; Page 28; Family 113] [1891 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Moose Jaw; Page 44; Family 202]*

In 1901, Rembler Paul and son Samuel were working as coal merchants in Regina. Both Paul families were then living in Regina. Samuel was married to his second wife Margaret. Samuel's children by his first marriage were listed with them: Reginald, Robert, and Lisle. *[1901 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Regina; Page 4; Family 38] [1901 Canada Census: Territories, Assiniboia West, Regina; Page 4; Family 39]*

In 1905, Rembler and Elizabeth Paul moved to Kelowna. Their son Samuel and family remained in Regina. Rembler and Elizabeth Paul purchased property on the north side of Bernard Avenue between present-day Richter and St. Paul streets and had a large residence built. Their property extended north to Doyle Avenue. *[Lynda Doyle]*



Home of Rembler and Elizabeth Paul, c1910

Located on the north side of Bernard Avenue between Richter and St. Paul streets

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #4182

Lynda Doyle, great great granddaughter of Rembler and Elizabeth Paul, recorded the following on the website of "The Friends of Knox Mountain Park":

Rembler and Elizabeth loved gardening and kept great gardens at their [Kelowna] properties, including the site of the tomb. It is said of Rembler that horses were his second love, family being first. He is remembered for his many kind acts towards animals. People were also his concern. He played Santa. With a team of horses and wagon he would distribute Christmas hampers. Rembler in his later years wore a perfectly groomed full white beard, which would give him even more the appearance of Santa. Near the end of his life, he wanted to leave a tribute to his family in the form of the tomb. It was built in 1910.

The following article, "Rembler Paul's philanthropy rejected", written by Kelowna historians Dorothy Zoellner and Alice Lundy, demonstrates Rembler Paul's generosity. It appeared in the Tuesday, October 12, 2004 edition of the "Daily Courier":

First, in 1910 the following item appeared: Mr. Rembler Paul is offering the Provincial Government 125 acres of land on Knox Mountain as a free site for the Provincial University.

The land comprises a large area of good soil, is so situated as to command an extensive and beautiful view of Okanagan Lake, and possesses a quarter of a mile of water front.

Mr. Paul's generous offer is prompted by personally disinterested motives, and by the desire to secure the university for Kelowna....

Then, in 1912, the following Courier [Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist] report appeared, stating that a special meeting of city council had been called to hear R.B. Kerr present the following letter:

Dear Mr. Kerr.

You might put this to the board. I am willing to give 160 acres all fenced in, and erect a building that will hold about 15 to 20 people for a home for the aged and infirm for the valley for about 10 miles on each side of the lake from the head of the lake to the foot, for the unfortunates that have lived in the valley for at least five years, and I will give a grant of \$2,000 a year if the government will give a grant of \$1,000 a year and exempt the place from taxes; that is, if the City of Kelowna will take the management of the house for the poor unfortunates.

This is one of the best places in the valley for a place like that. It is a beautiful view and they can have everything there than [that] man wants – fruit of all kinds, vegetables and an abundance of good water just at the door with a quarter of a mile of lake frontage and a clean air, climate and abundance of wood for many years to come. It is only two miles by water from the CPR wharf and one mile from the city limits – just about 10 minutes' drive from the city. It is just the place for the poor old folks, a quiet and pretty place.

*Yours truly,
Rembler Paul*

P.S.: If the citizens do not take my offer, it will be the last I will make.

While Mayor [J.W.] Jones and Aldermen Sutherland and Taylor received the proposal with pleasure and the council agreed to secure assistance from the government, nothing further seems to have transpired.

Finally, in 1915, the following Courier item appeared:

Mr. Rembler Paul informs us that he is prepared to donate for the purpose of a home for men disabled in the war the tract of 160 acres, situated a few miles north of Kelowna with lake frontage, which he originally intended as a residence for necessitous old people. He states that he is much disappointed that his offer to the City of Kelowna for the latter purpose has not been taken advantage of, and he therefore considers himself free to devote the land and buildings to another good purpose. Since he formed the plan to erect an institution for the aged, he has had constructed large and commodious buildings and has made provision for additional accommodation, and the premises are practically ready for occupation.

Once again, this third proposal seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

Rembler Paul died at Edmonton, November 18, 1916, age 85 years. His body was returned to Kelowna and was laid to rest in the family tomb. The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, November 23, 1916 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", pages 1 and 6:

Rembler Paul Passes Away
Death of Well-Known Kelowna Resident

Kelowna lost one of its most notable residents last Saturday, in the death of Rembler Paul, who died at Edmonton, Alta., where he had journeyed to spend the winter. Although a man who had lived very much to himself, owing to his advanced age, yet amongst local residents he had gained an almost historic renown, chiefly on account of his strong personality and his financial interest in local business and property.

The deceased was born in the city of Montreal, in the year 1831, and was the son of a veterinary surgeon who had gained a considerable reputation in the city of Toronto, where he is believed to have practiced for a number of years. Much of young Paul's boyhood was spent in Kingston, Ont., and it was in this city that he was apprenticed to the printing trade. Finding the work too monotonous, however, and not at all to his taste, the young lad ran away from home and commenced a wandering career in the west, being one of the first white men to visit much of the country lying both east and west of the Rockies. He was essentially of a roaming disposition and an adventurer in every sense of the word. After many years spent in prospecting, trapping and mining, he finally settled down in Regina, Sask., where he conducted a coal business for a number of years. While in Regina, he bought large tracts of prairie land lying to the south of the city, which he afterwards sold to incoming farmers. It was in Regina that the greater part of his wealth was accumulated, and it was from there he afterwards moved to Kelowna in 1905. On June 5, 1914, he received a great blow in the death of his wife.

Fearing pulmonary trouble the deceased decided to spend the winter in Edmonton, to which place he travelled accompanied by his house-keeper. It is believed that a slight attack of la grippe hastened an end which was primarily the result of old age.

Rembler Paul had only one child, Samuel G. Paul, who died some time ago [1909] leaving three sons, Reggie, Robert and Lisle, of whom the first and last are overseas with the C.E.F., while Robert is well-known in the city here having made his home with his grandfather.

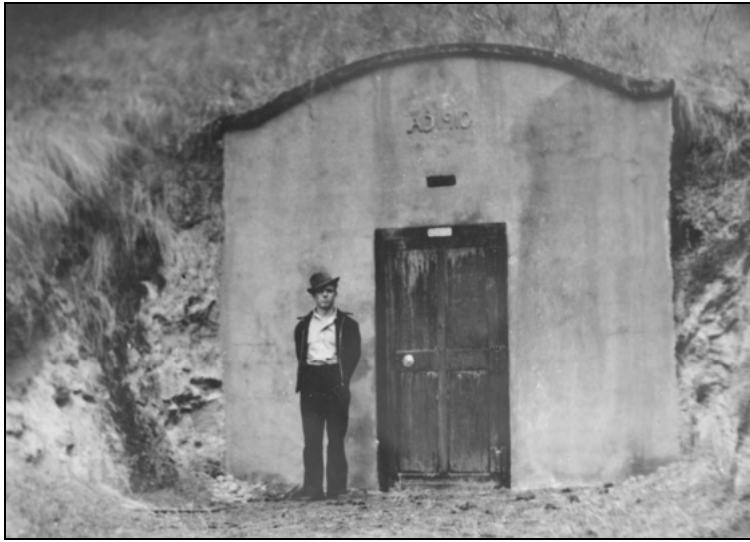
The body, which arrived from Edmonton yesterday afternoon, will be interred in the family vault in the mountain side at the estate, about five miles up the lake from Kelowna. The funeral will be held on Friday morning, at 10:30, when a service will be conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Thomas Greene.

Located at the north end of Kelowna, at the base of Knox Mountain, Paul's Tomb is a well-known landmark and popular hiking destination.

In the Twenty-fourth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, page 22, Gladys Herbert wrote:

Nestled behind the smooth face of a large mound is this strange and unique concrete cave [Paul's Tomb], about one hundred feet above Okanagan Lake and some one hundred yards back from the water's edge. This structure, literally gouged out of the hillside, was built in 1910 as a place for the interment of the

Paul family, and is known as Paul's Tomb. The preservation of the remains of his family was Rembler Paul's idea of how to pay lasting tribute to them.



Paul's Tomb with unidentified man, undated

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #4180

In the aforementioned article, page 23, Gladys Herbert describes Paul's Tomb:

Description of the Tomb: A vertical cut was made through this huge mound, and an excavation made into the bank, creating a cave about fifteen feet long, nine feet wide and seven feet high. The ceiling was neatly rounded and the seven-foot measurement represents the height in the centre. The whole was lined with concrete. The floor and ceiling of the vault are sixteen inches thick. There is a passageway down the centre, with two concrete shelves on either side, extending the full length of the interior. These shelves are supported by cement pillars. Thus provision was made for eight coffins. The smoothed face of the cave is a concrete wall, some nine feet wide and ten feet high, arched at the top. A steel vault door was fitted into this cement facade, similar to the door of a walk-in bank vault. The Taylor Safe Works built the door and the combination lock. The tomb itself was built by Mr. George Patterson (now deceased), assisted by his son James (Jim), who is a well-known Kelowna resident. The area in front of the cave was levelled for some twenty feet to permit easy access to the tomb.

Although Paul's Tomb was built to hold eight coffins, only Elizabeth and Rembler Paul are entombed there. There is a longstanding rumour that the remains of the Paul family cat are also in Paul's Tomb. *[Lynda Doyle]*

For many years, Paul's Tomb was very isolated and, therefore, prone to vandalism. Numerous attempts were made to break into the tomb, all fortunately unsuccessful. The tomb was backfilled to prevent further damage. Only the top bearing the date AD 1910 is now visible. *[Bob Hayes]*

A pathway to Paul's Tomb allows access to this unique historic site.

St. Paul Street in downtown Kelowna is named for Rembler Paul's mine in Manitoba.



Paul's Tomb

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 21 April 2012



Paul's Tomb

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The Friends of Knox Mountain Park website: <www3.telus.net/fkmp/pauls_tomb>

Correspondence

Correspondence (Bob Hayes) with Lynda Doyle, 2009. Lynda is a great great granddaughter of Rembler and Elizabeth Paul.

Interview

Meeting (Bob Hayes, Susan Campbell) with Lynda Doyle and Sylvia Knowles, 06 August 2015 in Kelowna Public Archives

West Side of Okanagan Lake

Included in this section are:

- Boucherie, Isidore
- Chiba, Shiziko
- Dun Waters, Alice Isabel (nee Orde)
- Marshall, Jane (nee Shannon)
- McDougall, John Baptiste
- Muirhead, James Bain
- Muirhead, Marion (nee Allan)
- Peskett, Keith
- Stocks, Philip (Reverend)
- Strang, Eliza Mary

BOUCHERIE, Isidore (Isadore): (c1815 – 1894)

Location: Based upon research by Susan Campbell and Bob Hayes, the indications are that Isidore Boucherie's grave is probably located on the east side of Mount Boucherie in what is now the City of West Kelowna.

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Isidore Boucherie was born in France c1815, son of Jean and Marie Boucherie. Jean Boucherie was a négociant (wine merchant). Isidore Boucherie died November 2, 1894. [*Colonial Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B09707, Registration #A7 37*] [*"Vernon News", November 8, 1894*]

Isidore Boucherie, one of the first settlers, came to the Central Okanagan in 1862 and pre-empted land on Peon Creek, now Mill Creek. This land was south of what is now Sexsmith Road and west of Highway 97. [*Buckland, Frank Morgan. Ogopogo's Vigil. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1966, page 36*]

In 1860, just before Isidore Boucherie settled in the Central Okanagan, the Roman Catholic Church had established the Mission of the Immaculate Conception near Mission Creek with the intent of bringing the Roman Catholic religion to the local First Nations people. This first permanent non-First Nations settlement in the Central Okanagan Valley was established by three members of the Roman Catholic Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.): Father Charles Marie Pandosy, Father Pierre Louis Richard, and Brother Phillippe Surel. [*Buckland, Frank Morgan. Ogopogo's Vigil. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1966, pages 25, 27-28*]

Others had been in this area earlier – possibly Spanish explorers. Boucherie discovered evidence of this. Local historian Frank Morgan Buckland (1873 - 1953), who arrived in Kelowna in 1904, wrote an article "Settlement at L'Anse au Sable" which appeared in The Seventeenth Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, pages 77 and 78:

A mile farther north on the N'co-quil-tack, or stream of water, as Mill Creek was called, Boucherie, another miner, staked a land claim near the rancherie of an Indian named, N'Skeuse, close to Rutland Siding. There he started farming, and it was this man and his help who, when clearing land for a garden, came upon the ruins of what had once been a large shelter, built of cedar logs which had been trimmed and cut with iron axes. Although the cedar was buried in from four to six inches of loam and earth and was in a badly decayed condition with large trees growing where the structure once stood, the logs still showed the marks of

European tools. This ruin was forty by eighty feet in size, and it was thought at the time that it had probably been built to shelter mounted men and their horses. Its situation precludes us from thinking it was built by the servants of the Hudson's Bay Company or any of the fur traders, while its size, the precision with which the logs were squared, and the evident care taken in its construction, would lead one to suppose it was built by a military expedition of some sort rather than by some band of adventurers pushing on to an elusive Eldorado. It is just possible that this was the work of the Spaniards during the time prior to 1819, when they were in undisputed possession of California, and were at the same time, trying to make good their claim to the region to the north of it. This ruin was situated under the "Little hill well exposed to the rising sun" that the priests had written of in their first letter from L'Anse au Sable [October 9, 1860].

About the time of Isidore Boucherie's discovery of these log remains, a badly-rusted firearm (possibly of Spanish design) was found embedded in the bank of Peon [Mill] Creek. [Buckland, Frank Morgan. *Ogopogo's Vigil*. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1966, page 36]

On February 26, 1863, Boucherie wrote to William B. Cox, Gold Commissioner at Lytton, BC informing him that he had claimed 160 acres of land (Claim #75), running north from "Mr. August [Gillard] the Frenchman". [Boucherie to Cox, February 26, 1863. British Columbia Public Archives]

On December 25, 1869 at Okanagan Mission, Isidore Boucherie married Marianne Jenitit-k, a First Nations woman who was born at Penticton c1845. Her father was Oldary Jevrim-t. The witnesses were François Ortaland and Tammey McDougall. The clergyman was Father M.C. Pandosy, O.M.I. [Colonial Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B09707, Registration #A7 37]

After Isidore Boucherie married Marianne Jenitit-k, rumours began circulating that he already had a wife living in France. On May 21, 1876, Father Julien Michel Baudré O.M.I., resident priest at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, wrote to his bishop, Louis-Joseph d'Herbomez, O.M.I., expressing his concern about Isidore Boucherie's suspected bigamy. It is not known what action was taken. [Beaudre to d'Herbomez, May 21, 1876]

Thus, Boucherie's 1869 marriage to Marianne was not acceptable to the Roman Catholic Church. Isidore Boucherie challenged this assertion of bigamy and openly broke with the church. [Duane Thomson]

The enumeration for the Voters' List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists "Isadore Bucherie" as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

The District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of Isidore Boucherie's agricultural worth (\$800) and personal property worth (\$4000). His agricultural holdings included 300 head of cattle, 10 hogs, 20 horses, and 120 acres of land. [District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B]

Isidore and Marianne (Mary Ann) Boucherie were listed in the 1881 Canada Census. [1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Nicola and Okanagan; Page 20; Family 123]

Bucherie, Isidore	married	age 67	born France	Catholic	farmer
Bucherie, Mary Ann	married	age 35	born BC	Catholic	

Ten years later, Isidore and Marianne (Mary Ann) were still living on their original pre-emption. In the interval between these census records, Isidore's reported age increased 22 years. [1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Okanagan Mission; Page 14; Family 85]

Buchere, Isadore	married	age 99	born France	Catholic	farmer
Buchere, Mary Ann	married	age 45	born BC	Catholic	

The following article appeared in the July 16, 1891 edition of the "Vernon News":

I. Boucherie sold his ranch of 160 acres, 230 head of cattle, and 8 work horses to A. [Alphonse] Lefevre, for \$10,000. He will move across the [Okanagan] Lake.

Following the sale of his original pre-emption, Isidore and Marianne Boucherie purchased, by auction, the property of John Phillips on the east side of present-day Mt. Boucherie. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 33]

The following notice appeared in the June 15, 1893 edition of the "Vernon News":

Old-timer Mr. Bushery [Boucherie] from West side of the Lake was in Vernon. Said to be more than 90 years old.

A photograph of some "Okanagan Old Timers" was taken shortly before Isidore Boucherie's death. In this photograph are North Okanagan pioneers Cornelius O'Keefe, Moses Lumby, Luc Girouard, James Crozier, and Edward Tronson. Bernard Lequime, Frederick Brent, and Isidore Boucherie were from the Central Okanagan. Tom Ellis was from the South Okanagan. Cornelius O'Keefe and Tom Ellis owned the largest ranches in the Okanagan Valley. [Bob Hayes]



Back: Cornelius O'Keefe, Moses Lumby, Luc Girouard, James Crozier

Front: Edward Tronson, Bernard Lequime, Frederick Brent, Isidore Boucherie, Tom Ellis; undated

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #3367

The November 8, 1894 edition of the "Vernon News" reported Isidore Boucherie's death:

Mr. Isadore Boucherie old resident of OK Mission died last Friday. Came long before days of railroad and spent 32 years in valley. Supposed to be over 90 years old. Personal estate sworn to by executor E. Louis Morand under \$14,000.00.

On page 33 of A Bit of Okanagan History Dorothy Hewlett Gellatly recorded that Isidore Boucherie's death was caused by exposure.

Isidore Boucherie's name has not been found in the burial records of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception. This may be because of his earlier break with the local Roman Catholic priests over the issue of his alleged bigamy. Therefore, the assumption is that Isidore Boucherie was buried on his property on what is now Mt. Boucherie. *[Immaculate Conception Mission Parish Records]*

Isidore Boucherie's probate file is extensive. Some of the information in this file is noted below.
[GR-1562 British Columbia. Supreme Court (Kamloops). Probate files, 1881-1946. Microfilm #B09602, File #36/1894]

I [Dr. Benjamin DeFurlong Boyce] knew Isadore Boucherie late of the Westside of Okanagan Lake in the Osoyoos Division of the District of Yale, Retired Farmer, when alive, and that the said Isadore Boucherie was resident at the West side of Okanagan Lake aforesaid and there he died on or about the Second day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety four. On the third day of November last past I saw the dead body of the said Isadore Boucherie at the West side of Okanagan Lake aforesaid where I went to view his remains.

In a codicil in the probate records, Louis Morand, hotel keeper at Lumby, BC verified that he was executor as named in Isidore Boucherie's last will and testament. A list of parties entitled to a share of Isidore Boucherie's estate and the value of the estate was also included:

Mary Adam [Marianne] Boucherie, the Widow of the Testator, one third of the property hereinafter mentioned,

Therese Williams Ortaland, not related to the Testator, one third of the property hereinafter mentioned,

Clementin [Clementine] Ortaland, Justine Ortaland, Napoleon Ortaland, Aeneas Ortaland and Rose Ortaland, one third of the property hereinafter mentioned in equal shares, share and share alike.

The property of the Testator of which he in any way died possessed of or entitled to is as follows:

Realty: Lot Number Four Hundred and Thirty Four in Group One of Yale District valued at \$2000.00

Cash on hand \$1469.00

Cash in Bank of Montreal, Vernon \$6163.75

Stock in trade on premises above described \$200.00

Household furniture \$100.00

Promissory note made by B. [Bernard] & L. [Leon] Lequime in favor of Testator \$2500.00

Promissory note made by W.M. Cochrane in favor of Testator \$1000.00

Promissory note made by Alphonse Lefevre in favor of Testator \$400.00

The value of the property real and personal of which the Testator died possessed of or entitled to is of or about the value of \$13,832.75 as enumerated above.

Information about the Boucherie family is found on page 33 of A Bit of Okanagan History:

Settling here [west side of Okanagan Lake], Mr. and Mrs. Boucherie had as near neighbors their married daughter and her husband, Clement Ortland, whose family were old-timers in the Okanagan. After Mr. Boucherie's death, caused by exposure, this young couple made their home with the widow. Later, Mrs. Ortland

was also left a widow, for both her husband and brother were drowned while crossing the lake [Okanagan] in a storm. Some little time later, Mrs. Ortland married Donald McLean, of McLean's Creek, Okanagan Falls. Donald McLean was a brother of Mrs. Keefe [wife of Arthur Keefe], who later made her home at Westbank.

They continued to live here until their home was destroyed by fire, several years later. Then the household moved away to the southern end of the Valley, and the ranch was sub-divided, and sold to different people.

A few logs, a one-time cellar, several apple trees, which still may be said to yield a crop of sorts, and a little further back the crumbling logs of the old corrals used by these original ranchers, are all that remain today of the old Boucherie homestead.

In his book, Captain Len's Ferry Tales, pages 43 and 44, longtime ferry operator Len Hayman recorded additional information about Isidore and Marianne Boucherie:

Isidore Boucherie, a Frenchman, was dead before I arrived in Westbank. He had built a big house above my place on a section at the base of Boucherie Mountain. It was above the alkali patch and the mosquitos [mosquitoes].

Isidore was a good farmer. He made a wooden harrow out of branches of a pine tree with pegs skewered through it.

He threshed grain with his horses' feet. This was done by laying boards on the floor of the corral. On top of this he would throw the unthreshed wheat and then he'd turn the horses loose on it. After they'd churned it up for awhile, he'd move the horses off, clear away the stalks and under the boards would be his wheat.

He even made a winnowing machine to blow the chaff out of the wheat. Before that he had to use the wind. This was done by throwing the wheat, chaff and all up into the air, letting the wind carry away the chaff and collecting the wheat on a canvas.

If he wanted to extend his pasture, he'd feed the cattle hay in the winter in the area he decided to develop. They'd beat the seed down into the ground. The women would cut down the bush and trees and pile up the stones. Next spring they'd have a new hay meadow.

Another trick he sometimes used was to sprinkle seed on the backs of the cows. When they shook or lay down in their favorite spots, the seeds would fall off and next year there was their dinner, right where they wanted it.

Mrs. Boucherie was from the Penticton reserve [Penticton Indian Reserve]. She was bigger than the average woman. Her name was Mary Anne and her brand was "M".

I bought a horse or two and a steer from her. All our deals were honest. She'd name her price and I'd pay her. I helped her anywhere with my team, especially for haying. I never took any money for this. My pay was a load of hay.

She sold some land to [David Erskine] Gellatly. She thought she had sold a piece of the mountain to him but it turned out that he got the Point. She took this to court and I was called as a witness. The law suit was held in Vernon. Mrs.

Boucherie hired a Kamloops lawyer who was supposed to be the best land lawyer in the country. Gellatly had a Vancouver lawyer.

When they were going into court, her lawyer asked Mrs. Boucherie a question about land prices. She answered and he said, "Oh, an unconscionable deal." They decided it wasn't an unconscionable deal as land wasn't worth much around here.

The judge asked Alec McLennan [of Peachland] if there had been any land deals around here to compare prices. McLennan said there hadn't been any. The judge asked me if there had been any deals and I said, "Yes, there have been two." Then the Vancouver lawyer said McLennan had lived so long in the country and I was only a newcomer. "Are you calling me a liar?" I asked. "No", he said. "No further questions", and sat down.

Mrs. Boucherie lost her case....

Marianne Boucherie was listed in the 1901 Canada Census, living on her homestead. Her daughter and other family members were living with her: Teresa McLean; nephews Donald McLean, William McLean, and Eneas Ortonand [Ortoland]; and nieces Clementine Ortonand [Ortoland] and Mary McLean. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale; Page 4; Family 42]

Busherie, A. Mary	head	born BC	Catholic	widow	farmer
McLean, Teresa	daughter	born BC	Catholic	married	
McLean, Donald	nephew	born June 10, 1884, BC	Catholic	married	
Ortonand, Clementine	niece	born Sept. 1, 1886, BC	Catholic	single	
Ortonand, Eneas	nephew	born July 1891, BC	Catholic	single	
McLean, Mary	niece	born Oct. 1897, BC	Catholic	single	
McLean, William	nephew	born April 1899, BC	Catholic	single	

The Boucherie home on Mt. Boucherie was destroyed by fire, the family moved to the southern Okanagan, and the Boucherie Ranch was subdivided and sold. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 33]

In the 1911 Canada Census, Marianne Boucherie, listed as "Mary A. Bouchere", was living with family in Penticton. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Okanagan; Page 3; Family 31]

Marcelay, Fred	head	born May 1880	Quebec	married	rancher
Marcelay, Clementine	wife	born Aug 1886	BC	married	
Marcelay, Edna May	daughter	born Feb 1909	BC		
Marcelay, Carrie Adelaide	daughter	born Dec 1910	BC		
Bouchere, Mary A.	grand aunt	born Jan 1831	BC	widow	
Ortoland, Aeneas	brother-in-law	born Aug 1892	BC	single	rancher
McLean, Mary	wife's half sister	born Oct 1898	BC		
McLean, William	wife's half brother	born Apr 1900	BC		
McLean, Clara	wife's half sister	born Mar 1902	BC		

On pages 36 and 37, Len Hayman wrote about a powerful storm c1924 that wrecked his ferry boat. [Hayman, Bob. *Captain Len's Ferry Tales*. Kelowna: Bob Hayman, 1988]

One of the passengers was Mrs. Boucherie, a dear old Indian woman. I very gently lifted her into the lifeboat and told somebody to help her sit down.

Len Hayman gives more information about Marianne Boucherie. [Hayman, Bob. *Captain Len's Ferry Tales*. Kelowna: Bob Hayman, 1988, page 45]

When Indians are going to die, they know this and they go around saying goodbye to all of their friends. Mrs. Boucherie had been up around the head of the Lake [near Vernon, BC] and was on her way back. I was on the Canadian

Pacific wharf when I was told that she was on the promenade deck of the "Sicamous". I went to pay my respects, and she said to me "Mika" (all the same) "Mika papoose." ("You are the same as my child.") I took off my hat and said "Nowitka, Mrs. Boucherie." ("Yes.")

That's the last I ever saw of her. She returned to Penticton to die.

Marianne Boucherie had a daughter Terese (Therese) Williams. She also had a son who drowned in a storm on Okanagan Lake, along with Clement Joseph Ortaland, on November 16, 1893. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 33] [Probate files, 1881-1946. Microfilm #B09607, File #887/1894]

- **Terese Williams:** born c1861 in BC; married 1) Clement Joseph Ortaland 2) Donald McLean [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm # B11387, Registration #1908-09-167712] [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 31]

Clement Joseph Ortaland: baptized January 22, 1865 at the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, BC, son of François and Catherine Ortaland; drowned November 16, 1893 while crossing Okanagan Lake. [Immaculate Conception Mission Parish Records] [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 33] [Probate files, 1881-1946. Microfilm #B09607, File #887/1894]

Donald McLean: of McLean's Creek, Okanagan Falls, BC. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 31]

Terese and Clement Joseph Ortaland had five children. [Probate files, 1881-1946. Microfilm #B09602, File #36/1894] [Probate files, 1881-1946. Microfilm #B09607, File #887/1894]

1. Clementine Ortaland
2. Justine Ortaland
3. Napoleon Ortaland
4. Aeneas Ortaland
5. Rose Ortaland

The property that Isidore and Marianne Boucherie purchased on the west side of Okanagan Lake in 1891 has an interesting and violent history. This property was originally owned by John Fall Allison and wife Susan who settled there in the early 1870s. [Okanagan Historical Society, *Sixty-ninth Report*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143]

About 1880, the Allisons sold this property which they had named "Sunnyside" to John Phillips and Hugh Armstrong. The Allisons then moved to Princeton, BC. Allison Pass on the Hope-Princeton Highway is named after this family. [Okanagan Historical Society, *Sixty-ninth Report*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143]

John Phillips and Hugh Armstrong ran their newly-acquired ranch as a partnership and lived in separate cabins on this property. A few years later, they fell into disagreement about selling their property and stock. This disagreement became violent when Hugh Armstrong accused John Phillips of stealing a valuable bridle. On the morning of March 28, 1886, Hugh Armstrong stormed into the Phillips' home in a rage and threatened John Phillips who was confined to bed suffering from severe arthritis. [Okanagan Historical Society, *Sixty-ninth Report*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143]

Phillips' wife Helene told Armstrong to leave but he ignored her and made threatening gestures to Phillips as he approached his bed. Helene threw her arms around Armstrong to try to restrain him. Phillips, in desperation, reached for his rifle which was hanging on the wall by his bed, pointed the rifle and fired. The bullet clipped off the tip of Helene's thumb, passed through the fleshy part of her arm, struck Armstrong in the heart, and killed him instantly. [Okanagan Historical Society, *Sixty-ninth Report*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143]

Hugh Armstrong's body was removed to Vernon and was the second burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. [*Okanagan Historical Society, Sixty-ninth Report. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143*]

The initial investigation into this death was conducted by local resident, William Lloyd-Jones. An inquest was held by Government Agent Walter Dewdney of Priests' Valley (now Vernon, BC) and Dr. Edo Johannes Offerhaus of Enderby, BC. A trial was held at Kamloops and Phillips was acquitted because of a lack of evidence. [*Okanagan Historical Society, Sixty-ninth Report. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143*]

John Phillips with his wife and young family then moved to Washington State and settled near Tonasket. In 1908, their son, Charles, was convicted of the murder of a law officer at Republic, Washington. Charles Phillips was later paroled. He moved to Roseburg, Oregon where he met a violent death, shot by an assailant. [*Okanagan Historical Society, Sixty-ninth Report. Kelowna: Ehmann Printworx, 2005, pages 138 - 143*]

According to Dorothy Hewlett Gellatly in A Bit of Okanagan History, page 31, Hugh Armstrong is said to have buried some of his money on the property he shared with John Phillips. It is not known if this money was ever found – or if there was any truth to this story.

Hugh Armstrong's home, "Sunnyside", built by the pioneer Allison family in the early 1870s, has been restored and is currently (2015) part of Quail's Gate Winery.

Mt. Boucherie and Boucherie Road in the City of West Kelowna are named for this pioneer family.



View from Knox Mountain, Kelowna, looking southwest, undated

Kelowna is on the left side of the photograph.

Mt. Boucherie is the mountain on the west side of Okanagan Lake and right side of photo.

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, KPA #10083

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Interviews

Telephone Interview (Bob Hayes) with Duane Thomson, May 10, 2015. Dr. Duane Thomson is a retired history professor from UBC Okanagan (Kelowna) who is an expert on local First Nations history and culture.

CHIBA, Shiziko: (1923 – 1923)

Location: This isolated grave is probably located in what is now Fintry Provincial Park. According to Dan Bruce, longtime Curator at Fintry Provincial Park, this grave may be located in a level area high on the east-facing slope as you enter the park from Westside Road.

Fintry and Fintry Provincial Park were originally known as Shorts Point, named for Captain Thomas Dorland Shorts, pioneer resident and lake boat captain.

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Shiziko Chiba was born at Fintry, BC on January 25, 1923. She died of convulsions at Fintry on March 29, 1923 at the age of two months and five days and was buried at Fintry on March 30, 1923. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13123, Registration #1923-09-093470]*

No obituary for Shiziko Chiba has been located in Kelowna or Vernon newspapers.

Shiziko Chiba's parents were Tsutomu Chiba and Fusa Hatakeyama. Tsutomu Chiba was a farmer on the Fintry Estate. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13123, Registration #1923-09-093470]*

Tsutomu Chiba was born in Iwate, Japan on May 1, 1884 and died at Vernon, BC on February 28, 1978. His occupation was listed as a retired farmer. Tsutomu Chiba's father's name was Genji Chiba. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13584, Registration #1978-09-004243]*

Fusa Hatakeyama was born in Japan on November 25, 1884 and died at Vernon on October 7, 1960. Her father was Jasaku Hatakeyama. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13248, Registration #1960-09-012460]*

In the 1921 Canada Census, the Chiba family was living at Fintry on the west side of Okanagan Lake. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 1; Family 16]*

Chiba, Tsutomi [Tsutomu]	age 37	born Japan	immigrated 1907	sawyer
Chiba, Fusa	age 37	born Japan	immigrated 1896	
Chiba, Takeshi	age 7	born BC		
Chiba, Hideo	age 5	born BC		
Chiba, Toshi	age 3	born BC		

The following article about the Chiba family appears on page 18 of The Vision Fulfilled 1894-1994, a history of the Japanese-Canadian community in the Central Okanagan Valley:

Tsutomu Chiba was born in 1885 [1884], in Ewate-ken, Honshu. His occupation was to deliver goods by horse and wagon. He married Fusa [nee Hatakeyama] in Japan, and their two oldest children were born there. Mr. Chiba arrived in Vancouver around 1904, and began fishing. Mrs. Chiba joined him later. In 1914, he moved to Vernon, to the Fintry area, where their next three children were born. He was employed in an orchard, but upon being fired, the family returned to Japan in 1923, with Toshiko (4) and Harry (6). Tom had been sent to Japan two years earlier. The reason Mr. Chiba was fired, was because three bears had been sleeping in a pine tree, and another ranch hand asked him to shoot them. Although he himself was proud of getting rid of them, their employer did not like the idea, and consequently fired both employees.

Leaving Toshiko and Harry to be educated in Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Chiba returned to Vernon in 1925, where they farmed vegetables on a crop-share basis with the Ogasawara's. In 1927, property was purchased on Bella Vista Road in Vernon,

and there they farmed vegetables. Mr. and Mrs. Chiba lived in Vernon until their death. Mrs. Chiba passed away in 1960, at age 76 [75], and Mr. Chiba in 1978, at the age of 94 [93].

In 1929, Harry & Tom Chiba returned from Japan, to Vernon, where they continued their education, and worked on their father's farm. Harry moved on to Vancouver in 1935, where he was employed by Furuya Groceries, doing general work. He returned to Vernon in 1940, where he farmed with the family. He married Eiko Koga in 1944, in the Vernon United Church, officiated by Rev. Y. Yoshioka. Harry and Eiko then farmed in Kelowna with Peter Cobyace (now White Western Star property) [located on Enterprise Way in Kelowna] on a crop-share basis, for one year. They worked for Stewart Bros. from 1945 to 1947, and then returned to Vernon in 1948, and farmed on the Coldstream Ranch, growing onions and potatoes. In 1952, they purchased 25 acres in the Belgo area [Kelowna], and grew tomatoes and onions, while planting fruit trees. The severe frost of 1955 destroyed approximately 60% of the fruit trees, and Harry had been badly injured in a tractor accident, so he left farming. He went into hauling logs for three years, drove trucks for Chapmans and Miller & Wyatt, and worked three seasons in the Crown Zellerbach warehouse. He then returned to the orchard fulltime, until his retirement in 1981. Harry and Eiko have five married daughters. Harry is enjoying retirement, hunting and fishing, and Eiko visiting with her grandchildren. They remain active in the Japanese United Church.

Toshiko [Chiba] returned to Japan when 4 years old, where she attended school from Grade 1-8. She returned in 1934, to help on the family farm. She married Hiromi (Jim) Shirai, in 1936, in Kelowna.

Mutsuo Chiba, the youngest of the children, was born in Vernon in 1932, and presently [2014] resides in Kamloops.

In 1935, Tsutomu and Fusa Chiba donated one acre of land on Bella Vista Road in Vernon on which the Japanese Hall was built. *[Miyoko Croken]*



Tsutomu Chiba and Fusa Chiba (nee Hatakeyama), undated

Photo Credit: Miyoko Croken (nee Chiba), May 2014

Tsutomu Chiba and Fusa Hatakeyama had seven children:

1. **Genichi (George) Chiba:** born November 5, 1907 in Japan; died March 23, 1991 in Vernon, BC; married Shu Sasaki in Japan. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17149, Registration #1991-09-005240] [Miyoko Croken]

Shu Sasaki: born December 10, 1906 in Miyagi-Ken, Japan; died March 28, 1992 in Vernon, BC. Her parents were Tatsugoro Sasaki and Tomio Sako. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics digital image 1992006425.jpg, Registration #1992-09-006425]

2. **[Female] Chiba:** born February 1, 1912 in Japan; died in Japan, date unknown; married and her husband adopted the Chiba surname. [Miyoko Croken]
3. **Takeshi (Tom) Chiba:** born June 1, 1915, at Fintry, BC; died August 10, 2010 in Vernon, BC; married Chieko Ogata on December 2, 1935 near Vernon, BC. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13770, Registration #1935-09-431811] [Miyoko Croken]

Chieko Ogata: born September 25, 1918 at Armstrong, BC; died April 29, 2007 in Kelowna. [Okanagan Historical Society. Seventy-second Report: Kelowna, BC: Ehmann Printworx Ltd, 2008, page 207]

4. **Hideo (Harry) Chiba:** born in June 1917 at Shorts Point, BC; died January 9, 2011 in Kelowna; married Eiko Koga in 1944 at Vernon, BC. Harry Chiba is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. [Castanet: <www.castanet.net> (Obituary: Hideo "Harry" Chiba)] [Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery: <www.kelowna.ca>]

Eiko Koga: born in 1920 at Summerland, BC; died December 5, 1999 and is buried in Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery. Her parents were Suekichi Koga and Hatsu Tsubaki. [Hoshizaki, Bill, ed. The Vision Fulfilled 1894 – 1994, page 65] [Castanet: <www.castanet.net> (Obituary: Hideo "Harry" Chiba)] [Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery: <www.kelowna.ca>]

5. **Toshiko (Toshi) Chiba:** born c1918, at Shorts Point, BC; living in March 2014; married Hiromu (Jim) Shirai on November 3, 1936 at Kelowna. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13772, Registration #1936-09-441528] [Miyoko Croken]

Hiromu (Jim) Shirai: born in 1907 at Wakayama, Japan; died June 24, 2000 at Kelowna. His parents were Katsunosuke Shirai and Kuni Terai. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13772, Registration #1936-09-441528] [Miyoko Croken]

6. **Shiziko Chiba** was born at Fintry, BC on January 25, 1923; died on March 29, 1923 at Fintry. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13123, Registration #1923-09-093470]
7. **Mutsuo (Dave) Chiba:** born in Vernon in 1932; died in Hope, BC after 2011. [Hoshizaki, Bill, ed. The Vision Fulfilled 1894 – 1994, page 18] [Miyoko Croken]

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, March 2, 1978 edition of the "Vernon News":

CHIBA – We announce the passing in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital on Feb. 28th, 1978 of Mr. Tsutomu Chiba aged 93 years. A long time resident of Vernon he was predeceased by his wife in 1960. Mr. Tsutomu Chiba is survived by four sons George and Tom of Vernon, Harry of Kelowna and Dave of Kamloops. One daughter Mrs. (Toshiko) Jim Shirai of Kelowna, 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of the Vernon Funeral Home on Friday, March 3rd at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Warren Bruleigh officiating. Cremation to follow. Vernon Funeral Home Ltd. in care of the arrangements.

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Telephone interview (Bob Hayes) with Dan Bruce, Curator of Fintry Provincial Park, April 26, 2014; May 5, 2014

DUN WATERS, Alice Isabel (nee Orde): (1865 – 1924)

The name “Dun Waters” is now commonly spelled “Dun-Waters”. In England and Scotland the name was not originally hyphenated; the hyphenated version seems to be a recent Canadian convention. The original format, Dun Waters, is used in this book.

Location: This isolated grave is located in the rose garden in what is now Fintry Provincial Park. This area was originally known as Shorts Point, named for Captain Thomas Dorland Shorts, pioneer resident and Okanagan Lake boat captain.

There is a pictorial plaque on the grave with a photograph of a painting of Alice Dun Waters and smaller photographs of buildings which were significant in her life. A photograph of a portion of this plaque appears below.



Alice Isabel Dun Waters (nee Orde)

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 13 June 2013

Transcription: Alice Isabel (Orde) Dun-Waters [Dun Waters] / “My Dear Old Missus” / 1866 – 1924

Biographical Information: Alice Isabel Orde was born on June 19, 1865 (or 1866) in Nunnykirk, Morpeth, Northumberland, England. In late 1888, she married James Cameron Dun Waters at Morpeth, Northumberland, England. This couple had no children. Alice Isabel Dun Waters died May 1, 1924 at Fintry, BC and was buried at Fintry on May 2, 1924. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583] [Free BMD]

Alice Isabel Orde’s parents were Charles William Orde and Frances Isabella Jacson. They were married July 7, 1853 in the Parish of Daresbury in the County of Chester, England. The Orde family was a well-known and wealthy family in northern England. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583] [Find My Past: Cheshire Diocese of Chester parish marriages 1538-1910]

The 1871 England Census for Nunnykirk, Northumberland lists Charles William and Frances Isabella Orde, their five children, and 13 servants. The family was listed as "Ord". Charles William Orde was listed as a Justice of the Peace and land owner. [1871 England Census: Northumberland, Nunnykirk; Class RG10; Piece 5195; Folio 54; Page 6; GSU roll 849457]

Ord, Charles William	age 61	head	born Exeter, Devonshire
Ord, Frances Isabella	age 42	wife	born Daresbury, Cheshire
Ord, William	age 16	son	born Edinburgh, Scotland
Ord, Charles Reginald	age 15	son	born Edinburgh, Scotland
Ord, Edwin Lancelot	age 7	son	born Edinburgh, Scotland
Ord, Maria Frances	age 6	daughter	born Edinburgh, Scotland
Ord, Alice Isabel	age 4	daughter	born Nunnykirk, Northumberland

Charles William Orde, born c1810, died September 16, 1875 in Netherwitton, Northumberland, England. Frances Isabella Orde (nee Jacson) born c1829; died April 4, 1900 in Morpeth, Northumberland, England. [National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1966. (Principal Registry: Probate Date: 17 Nov 1875)] [Index to Death Duty Registers 1796-1903. (Court of Probate: Death April 4, 1900 Morpeth)]

Charles William Orde and Frances Isabella Jacson had five children:

1. **William Orde:** born May 25, 1854 in Edinburgh, Scotland; died April 8, 1920 in Netherwitton, Northumberland; married Winifred Mary Jones in 1884 at Castle Ward, Northumberland. [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Northumberland, Netherwitton St. Giles. (Burial: William Orde)] [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Northumberland, Castle Ward. (Marriage: William Orde and Winifred Mary Jones)]

Winifred Mary Jones: born c1859; died October 1950 in Netherwitton, Northumberland age 91 years. [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. (Burial: Winifred Orde)]

2. **Charles Reginald Orde:** born c1857 in Edinburgh, Scotland; died August 24, 1900 in Netherwitton, Northumberland. [Index to Death Duty Registers 1796-1903. (Court of Probate: Death August 24, 1900 Cranleigh)]
3. **Edwin Lancelot Orde:** born c1863 in Edinburgh, Scotland; died May 27, 1921 in London, England; married Evelyn Alice Orde on April 20, 1892 in St. Paul, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, Middlesex, England. [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Middlesex, Knightsbridge. (Marriage: Edwin Lancelot Orde and Evelyn Alice Orde)] [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Middlesex, London, Chelsea North. (Death: Edwin Lancelot Orde)]

Evelyn Alice Orde: born 1863 in Mutford, Suffolk, England, daughter of James Henry Orde; died 1945 in Holborn, London. [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Middlesex, London, Holborn. (Death: Evelyn Alice Orde)]

4. **Maria Frances Orde:** born c1864 in Edinburgh, Scotland; date and place of death not known; married Frederic Evelyn Gardiner in 1901 in Morpeth, Northumberland. [Free BMD]

Frederic Evelyn Gardiner: born c1850 in Bath, Somerset, England; died June 4, 1928 in Folkestone, Kent, England. [Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records. Kent, Folkestone. (Death: Frederic Evelyn Gardiner)]

5. **Alice Isabel Orde:** born June 19, 1865 (or 1866) in Nunnykirk, Morpeth, Northumberland; died May 1, 1924 at Fintry, BC; married James Cameron Dun Waters in 1888 in Morpeth, Northumberland. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583] [Free BMD records]

James Cameron Dun Waters: born November 28, 1865 in Torquay, Devonshire, England; died October 16, 1939 at Fintry, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13166, Registration #1939-09-563845]

Alice Isabel and James Cameron Dun Waters came to the Okanagan Valley in 1910. He had previously purchased, in 1908, 2,500 acres of land at Shorts Point, later known as Fintry. The 1911 Canada Census listed James and Alice Dun Waters and companion Catherine Stuart living at Shorts Point, all having immigrated to Canada in 1910. James Dun Waters' cousin, James Godwin and family were also living in the household. They had immigrated in 1909. James Godwin was the farm manager. [*"Kelowna Courier", Thursday, October 19, 1939, page 1. (Obituary: James Dun Waters)*] [*1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Okanagan; Page 3; Family 26 and 27*]

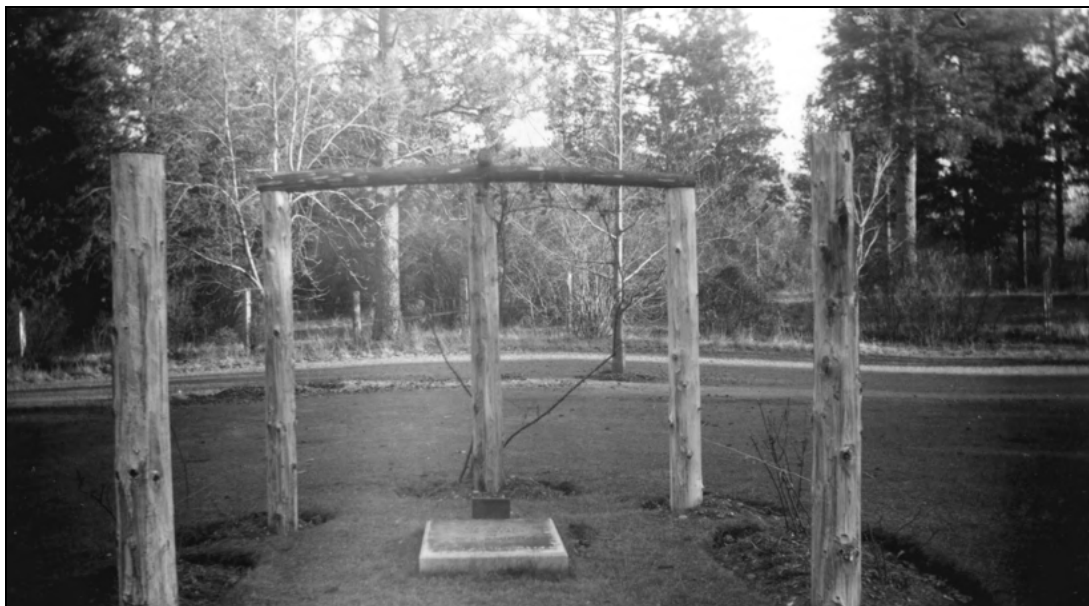
Dun Waters, James	45 years old	born Scotland [England]	Presbyterian	farmer
Dun Waters, Alice	44 years old	born England	Anglican	
Stuart, Catherine	33 years old	born Scotland	Presbyterian	companion
Godwin, James	40 years old	born England	Anglican	farm manager
Godwin, Ida	34 years old	born New Zealand	Anglican	
Godwin, Douglas	4 years old	born S. Africa	Anglican	
Godwin, Dun	2 years old	born England	Anglican	

Ten years later, James and Alice Dun Waters were still residing at Shorts Point. Catherine Stuart was not listed with them but remained in the area until her death in Vernon on February 12, 1970 at age 92. She was buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Vernon. [*1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 2; Family 28*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13301, Registration #1970-09-002650*]

Alice Isabel Dun Waters (nee Orde) died May 1, 1924 at Fintry, BC and was buried on the property. Her burial site is now a rose garden in front of the Fintry Manor House. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583*]

The following notice appeared in the Thursday, May 8, 1924 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 2:

The sympathy of the Westside Community is extended to Major J.C. Dun Waters, of Fintry, in his recent sad bereavement. Mrs. Dun Waters was taken ill on Monday night and passed away on the following Thursday night. Those who know her well will know best how much she will be missed.



Alice Dun Waters' grave marker at Fintry, undated

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #2136

DUN WATERS, James Cameron: (1865 – 1939)

The name "Dun Waters" is now commonly spelled "Dun-Waters". In England and Scotland the name was not originally hyphenated; the hyphenated version seems to be a recent Canadian convention. The original format, Dun Waters, is used in this book.

Location: According to Dan Bruce, longtime Curator of Fintry Provincial Park, James Cameron Dun Waters' ashes were probably scattered on the Fintry Estate.

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: James Cameron Waters was born November 28, 1865 in Torquay, Devonshire, England. He later added "Dun" to his surname. James Cameron Dun Waters married 1) Alice Isabel Orde in 1888 2) Margaret Menzies July 18, 1931 in Vancouver, BC. He died October 16, 1939 at Fintry, BC and was cremated in Vancouver, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13166, Registration #1939-09-563845] [Dan Bruce] [FreeBMD] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13762, Registration #1931-09-391283]*

James Cameron Dun Waters' parents were James Coltart Waters (1828 - September 11, 1867) and Grace Elizabeth Godwin (c1843 - 1895). They were married at Winchester, Hampshire in 1862 and had three children. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13166, Registration #1939-09-563845] [Dan Bruce] [Find My Past] [The Scottish Law Reporter: Volume 22, Pages 176-178. Waters' Trustees vs Waters]*

1. **Alexander William Dun Waters:** born April 1863 in Torquay, Devonshire, England; died March 22, 1884; did not marry. *[Find My Past] [The Scottish Law Reporter: Volume 22, Pages 176-178. Waters' Trustees vs Waters]*
2. **Grace Godwin Waters:** born 1864 Fintry, Stirlingshire, Scotland, was living in 1937 in Knightsbridge, Westminster, England; date and place of death not known; married Arthur Melbourne Sutthery in 1894 in Middlesex, England. *[Find My Past] [1911 England Census: Shropshire, Market Drayton; Class RG14; Piece 16277]*

Arthur Melbourne Sutthery: born March 25, 1864 at Clifton Reynes, Buckinghamshire, England; died May 15, 1937 in Chelsea, London, England. His father was William Sutthery, a clerk in holy orders. *[Find My Past] [1911 England Census: Shropshire, Market Drayton; Class RG14; Piece 16277]*

Grace Godwin Waters and Arthur Melbourne Sutthery had four children. One child had died before the 1911 England Census was taken. *[1911 England Census: Shropshire, Market Drayton; Class RG14; Piece 16277] [1901 England Census: Shropshire, Market Drayton; Class RG13; Piece 2560; Folio 72; Page 4]*

- Dorian Melbourne Sutthery: born March 25, 1896 in Wales; died May 17, 1917. *[Find My Past: Soldiers died in the Great War 1914 - 1919]*
 - Female Sutthery: birth and death registered June quarter of 1896; may be a twin to Dorian. *[Free BMD]*
 - Grace Waters Sutthery: born 1897 in Westminster, London; died 1958. *[Find My Past] [The National Archives]*
 - Donald William Sutthery: born 1897 in Westminster, London; died 1961 in Hailsham, Sussex, England. *[Free BMD]*
3. **James Cameron Waters:** born November 28, 1865 in Torquay, Devonshire, England; died October 16, 1939 at Fintry, BC; married 1) Alice Isabel Orde in 1888 2) Margaret Menzies July 18, 1931 in Vancouver, BC. James Cameron Waters had no children. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13166, Registration #1939-09-563845] [FreeBMD] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13762, Registration #1931-09-391283]*

Alice Isabel Orde: born in Nunnykirk, Morpeth, Northumberland, England on June 19, 1865 (or 1866), daughter of Charles William Orde and Frances Isabella Jacson; died May 1, 1924 at Fintry, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583]

Margaret Menzies: born in Forres, Morayshire, Scotland on April 1, 1895, daughter of John Menzies and Janet Black; died November 6, 1980 in Kelowna, BC. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13762, Registration #1931-09-391283] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13607, Registration #1980-09-017688]

In the 1851 Scotland Census, James Waters, the father of James Cameron Dun Waters, was living at Fintry, Stirlingshire, Scotland with two unmarried aunts and an unmarried uncle. They had all been born in Fintry, Stirlingshire, Scotland. James Waters, at age 22, was part proprietor of "The Herald" newspaper. An interest in this newspaper was later inherited by his son, James Cameron Dun Waters. [1851 Scotland Census: Stirlingshire, Fintry; transcription]

The 1871 England Census for Epsom, Surrey listed the Waters family. James Cameron Waters was living with his widowed mother and two siblings. His grandmother, Elizabeth Godwin, and two aunts were also in the household. [1871 England Census: Devonshire, Torquay; Class: RG10; Piece: 798; Folio: 90; Page: 24; GSU roll: 827745]

Waters, Grace W	28 years old	born Tamworth, Staffordshire	widow
Waters, Alex M D	7 years old	born Torquay, Devonshire	son
Waters, Grace G	6 years old	born Fintry, Stirlingshire	daughter
Waters, James C	5 years old	born Torquay, Devonshire	son
Godwin, Elizabeth	57 years old	born Rainham, Kent	widowed mother
Godwin, Constance M	25 years old	born Winchester, Hampshire	sister
Godwin, Charlotte	21 years old	born Winchester, Hampshire	sister

James added the surname "Dun" to his name when he became the heir of his great uncle, William Dunn. This was a major inheritance and included shares in the "Glasgow Herald". According to Dan Bruce, Curator of Fintry Provincial Park, James Cameron Waters chose to change the spelling from "Dunn" to "Dun". In Gaelic, "Dunn" means "the colour brown", while "Dun" means "castle" or "fortification". At this point, James Cameron Waters became James Cameron Dun Waters. There was no hyphen in this surname. [Dan Bruce]

In late 1888, James Cameron Dun Waters married Alice Isabel Orde at Morpeth, Northumberland, England. [Free BMD]

James and Alice Dun Waters had a home in Shropshire and were recorded there in the 1901 England Census. It was a large household with 15 servants. [1901 England Census: Shropshire, Rushbury; Class RG13; Piece 2514; Folio 131; Page 3]

Dun Waters, James C.	35 years old	born Torquay	head	living on own account
Dun Waters, Alice I.	35 years old	born Nunykirk, Morpeth	wife	
Menzies, Grace B.M.	34 years old	born Edinburgh	visitor	
Bigge, Chas. P.O.S.	45 years old	born Edinburgh	visitor	agent-estate auct.

Alice Isabel and James Cameron Dun Waters came to the Okanagan Valley in 1910. He had purchased land at Shorts Point and set about developing a farm and property. ["Kelowna Courier", Thursday, October 19, 1939, page 1. (Obituary: James Dun Waters)]

When the First World War started, James Cameron Dun Waters, although over-age, wanted to be part of the war effort. He enlisted and "served with the British Forces in Gallipoli, Egypt and France, and his wife operated a private hospital in Egypt." ["Kelowna Courier", Thursday, October 19, 1939, pages 1 and 12. (Obituary: James Dun Waters)] ["London Times" newspaper, November 15, 1938. (Tribute: James Dun Waters' land donation)]

After the war, James and Alice Dun Waters returned to Fintry. In the 1921 Canada Census, they were listed at Shorts Point. James Dun Water's cousin, James Godwin and wife Ida and family were also living at Shorts Point but were in a separate household. [1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, North Okanagan; Page 2; Family 28; Family 23]



Left photo: James Cameron Dun Waters, curling at Fintry, c1925. #3720
Right photo: octagonal barn and outbuildings at Fintry, c1930. #2169

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives

Alice Isabel Dun Waters (nee Orde) died May 1, 1924 at Fintry, BC and was buried on the property. Her burial site is now a rose garden in front of the Fintry Manor House. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13125, Registration #1924-09-340583]

James Cameron Dun Waters married Margaret Menzies on July 18, 1931 in Vancouver, BC. Margaret Menzies was born in Forres, Morayshire, Scotland on April 1, 1895, daughter of John Menzies and Janet Black. Margaret was working as a stenographer at the time of her marriage. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13762, Registration #1931-09-391283] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13607, Registration #1980-09-017688]



Margaret and James Cameron Dun Waters, c1938

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #9442



The second manor house at Fintry, c1935. The first manor house burned in 1924.

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #2166

In 1938, James Dun Waters donated his Fintry Estate to Fairbridge Farm Schools where young people from England received agricultural and domestic training. His generous donation attracted attention in England. The following article appeared in the November 15, 1938 edition of the "London Times":

Captain J.C. Dunwaters of Glasgow Gifts Farm to Fairbridge Schools

The "Vancouver Province" of July 7 [had] a whole column about the latest gift of the Laird of Fintray [Fintry], when he handed over his 2500 acres farm to Fairbridge Schools – a most patriotic and generous gift – for which he deserves the best thanks of Britons the world over. It says "Wherever stock breeders, sportsmen and fruit growers gather in British Columbia, the sturdy figure, Scottish cap and ruddy countenance of Captain J.C. Dunwaters is known and welcomed."

He first came out to the Dominion in 1909. About ten years ago he brought a large shipment of pure bred Ayrshire stock from Scotland, and made them available to Okanagan farmers at public auctions. One of his own herd of cows, "Fintry Honeysuckle," produced the highest production, 945 pounds of butter fat, in all Canada for that year.

The ranch is self-contained, with its own water system and electric power plant, which harnesses the power of a waterfall on his property. Part of it has been set aside as a sanctuary for wild animals, including mountain goats and deer. "Fintry" is now in his 70th year; tall, white haired, broad-shouldered, keen on sport, and still quite alert.

During the Great War he returned to the Old Country, and served with the British Forces in Gallipoli, Egypt and France, and his wife operated a private hospital in Egypt. Since the war he has made occasional visits to the old home in Scotland. It is said that close on \$1,000,000 has been spent on the farm he now donates for the use of British boys and girls to learn farming on....



Octagonal barn, hay barn, and sheds on the Fintry Farm, c1930

Photo Credit: Greater Vernon Museum & Archives, #2168

The following article appeared in the July 15, 1938 edition of "The Glasgow Herald". This newspaper had been previously owned by members of the Dunn and Waters families:

Scotsman's Canadian Estate
Presented to British Farm Schools Society
Generous Gift by Captain J.C. Dun Waters

British boys who have been trained for life and work in the Dominions are to benefit from a munificent gift of his Canadian estate made by Captain J.C. Dun Waters, who is still remembered in the Fintry district of Stirlingshire, to Fairbridge Farm Schools (Incorporated), a society which takes children from unsuitable conditions in this country and settles them in Canada and Australia.

Captain Dun Waters, who went to British Columbia for health reasons just before the outbreak of the Great War, was for a period a director of Messrs George Outram and Co., proprietors of "The Glasgow Herald" and associated newspapers. The estate which he has made over is known as Fintry, and is called after his native village in Stirlingshire. It comprises 2520 acres, and is one of the finest demesnes in British Columbia.

Objects of Fairbridge Schools
Training for Life and Work in Dominions

Fairbridge Farm Schools (Incorporated) was founded at Oxford in 1909 by the late Kingsley Fairbridge with these objects:

To rescue children from damaging conditions – poverty, neglect, anti-social influences, as well as the prospect of deteriorated health, unemployment, or blind alley occupations.

To train these children in Fairbridge Farm Schools for life and work in the Dominions.

The Society must (within its means) come to the help of every child in need between the ages of 6 to 12 for whom application is made, provided that the Medical Referee of the Canadian or Australian Governments, having in mind that the child must be self-supporting when trained, passes the child as fit or potentially fit.

Children who are ailing or undernourished or who need specified medical treatment, but who have no defects of body or mind which cannot be remedied, will be maintained by the Society until they are sufficiently restored to pass finally for Canada or Australia.

All children so accepted and sent to a Fairbridge Farm School remain the wards of the Society until they are 21 years of age or safely launched in work and satisfactorily settled in the new country.

Thus children who, as far as can be ascertained, are fit to profit by life and training for work in Australia or Canada are sent to the four farm schools. These are the original Kingsley Fairbridge Farm School at Pinjarra, Western Australia (founded in 1912); the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School on Vancouver Island, British Columbia (established 1935); the Fairbridge Farm School of New South Wales at Molong (established 1937); and the Northcote Children's Farm (associated with the Fairbridge Farm Schools) at Bacchus Marsh, Victoria (established in 1937).

Glasgow Link

During the past year 390 children from all parts of the British Isles were submitted for examination, and of these 158 passed the final medical and psychological examination and went overseas. In Scotland the Glasgow office of the Scottish Council for Women's Trades and Careers represented the Society, and carried through arrangements for the medical examination of candidates, for their outfitting and escort to the Society's hostel in London or to the Middlemore Homes in Birmingham.

The following Scottish branches of the Overseas League "adopted" little Fairbridgians and made "Godparent" subscriptions: Aberdeen, Crieff, Edinburgh, Forfar, Glasgow, Hawick, Moffat, Perth, and Stirling.

The present patron of the society is the Duke of Gloucester, the chairman is Mr Charles Hambro, and the Council includes Lady Anderson, Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, Mr Paul Cadbury, Admiral Sir William Goodenough, Lord Grey, Mrs John Haldane, Sir Roger Lumley, Colonel the Hon. Angus M'Donell, Mr John Murray, Lord Portal, Lord Stonehaven, and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Craft and Practice of Farming

Fintry, which lies on the western shores of the Okanagan Lake, has reached maturity after 25 years' work and Captain Dun Waters declares that he is most happy to give it up to Fairbridge children. He is anxious that the boys should, after leaving school, serve their apprenticeship to the craft and practice of farming in Fintry which is so well adapted for the purpose.

The entire property is under the control of Mr Gray, Captain Dun Waters's farm manager, who will remain in charge under the Fairbridge organization.

It is intended that Fintry will be used as a finishing school for the young agriculturists who are completing their education and the first batch of a dozen young men will be brought from the Prince of Wales's Farm School at Vancouver Island to the property very shortly. Fintry will also be used as a mainland base for convalescence and other purposes.

Near Vancouver A Delightful Home

Described as a delightful home and a sportsman's paradise, Fintry estate is only an hour away from Vernon, a town served by both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railway systems and thriving on the fruit growing industry of British Columbia. Vancouver is within a day's motor drive.

The farming and orchard equipment is the most modern obtainable, and the fruit production for the past 10 years has averaged 22,000 boxes.

In Captain Dun Waters's hands the main farming interests of Fintry estate were the breeding of Ayrshire cattle and the growing of apples. He took a prominent part in the developing of the growers' co-operative marketing scheme for export of Okanagan apples ("O.K." is the brand of this produce on our markets) and in pushing the claims of the Ayrshire dairy breed of cattle in Canada generally and in British Columbia in particular.

He was a whole-hearted enthusiastic propagandist for Ayrshire cattle, and was instrumental, by means of an appeal in the columns of "The Glasgow Herald" about 10 years ago, in securing a gift-herd of the breed for presentation to the experimental farm of British Columbian University which already had herds of Friesian and Jersey cattle. Mr Dun Waters himself gave several head of cattle for this Ayrshire herd and Scottish breeders responded generously to his appeal to put the breed "on the map" in British Columbia.

Captain Dun Waters

Captain Dun Waters has a family association with "The Glasgow Herald" dating from the time when his grand-uncle, Mr William Dun, served as cashier in the office of the newspaper. His father was Mr James Coltart Waters of Craigton and Culcreuch, Fintry.

During his residence at Craigton, Captain Dun Waters took a keen interest in the social life of the community, and notwithstanding his world travels and long residence in British Columbia he still retains a great affection for the Fintry countryside.

Before going to British Columbia he was for a short time Master of Foxhounds in South Shropshire. During the war [First World War] he returned from Canada and served as an officer.

Campaign: 1914-15 Star.

(A) Where decoration was earned.

(B) Present situation.

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James Cameron Dun Waters predeceased his second wife, Margaret Menzies. He died October 16, 1939 at Fintry, BC and his ashes were probably scattered on the Fintry Estate. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13166, Registration #1939-09-563845] [Dan Bruce]*

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, October 19, 1939 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", pages 1 and 12:

Capt. J.C. DunWaters, Founder of Fintry Estate, Passes at Age of 75

Noted Sportsman and Don of Magnificent Estate to Fairbridge Schools Was Known in Many Parts of World

One of the most colorful figures of the Okanagan, Capt. James Cameron DunWaters, 75, passed quietly to his death during the noon hour on Monday at his Fairbridge Farm estate at Fintry.

This man who, throughout his 31 years of residence in the valley had always been one of its most vital citizens, breathed his last on the estate at Fintry which he had developed with zeal and industrious devotion since he first bought it in 1908, and which he presented as a most generous gift only a year ago, in the summer of 1938, to the Fairbridge scheme.

He was delighted to spend the last year of his life watching the coming of a group of boys, late of Great Britain, to the wonderful 2,500 acre farming estate – with its dairy cattle, orchards, and almost every other exemplification of Okanagan agricultural life – and to see these lads commence their training for the land he himself had come to love so well, since first visiting it from the Old Country.

Loved Outdoors

The late Captain Dunwaters was born in Torquay, England, on November 28, 1865, but he grew up on the family estate in Fintry, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Early he came to love the outdoor life. He was an athlete and a hunter, and he bore the stamp of his early devotions throughout his active life.

He went up to Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1882, and became widely known for his athletic exploits, particularly as a runner. A number of records have been attached to his name. Later he was Master of the South Shropshire Hounds when this was the most famous hunt in England.

He was first married at the age of 23, choosing as his bride Miss Alice Orde, and it was with her that he began his new life on the estate on the west side of Okanagan Lake, which he called after the old "Fintry", back in Scotland. It was his avowed aim to develop a property, the like of which could not be duplicated in the Mother Land.

Retaining his active participation in the Glasgow Herald, of which he was Chairman of the Board of Directors, he made frequent trips to Great Britain, but he fell more and more in love with the country of his adoption, and he finally disposed of his newspaper interests, presenting a handsome bonus to the staff at that time.

War Contributions

When the Great War came [1914], however, he lost little time in going overseas. It was his determination to serve, and this he did in many ways and in many places. He succeeded in gaining a commission, and he was in Egypt, Gallipoli,

Italy, and France before the Armistice. At one time he was on the staff of Sir Roger Paget. Perhaps the best remembered of his acts, however, was that one by which, at his own expense, he provided a soldier's hospital at Cairo, and assisting in the direction of this institution at that time was his late wife and Miss Catherine Stuart, of Fintry.

Since the war, he returned overseas much less often. His wife died at Fintry House and was buried under the rose arbor in 1924 and in that same year his beautiful home was destroyed by fire. Reconstruction was started at once, however, and the large stone residence, now the property of the Fairbridge scheme, was erected.

A few years ago he married Miss Margaret Menzies, of Vancouver, who survives him, as well as one sister, Mrs. Grace Sutherly, of Aberfoyle, Perthshire, Scotland.

Devoted Curler

A man of splendid physique, Capt. DunWaters persevered in his life of strenuous work and play until almost the end. In earlier years he reveled in big game hunting and made frequent trips to many parts of this continent, Alaska being one district in high favor with him. His own property offered much in this regard. Later, however, there was one sport that seemed to claim more of his attention than any other – at least he became known for it. The Scottish roarin' game, curling, was his devotion. Rinks in all parts of the province came to know the gusty voice and buoyant personality of the Laird of Fintry. And it is significant that even on the day of his passing he remained the president of the little curling club back in Fintry, Scotland.

To what held his interest he gave his heart. The development of the fine strains of cattle in the valley was for many years his preoccupation. He was an Ayrshire zealot and brought out from the Old Country some of the very finest animals available. These were sold to farmers throughout the valley at only a nominal cost. His own herd was superb. While he gave a special imported herd to the University of British Columbia, this district was what he concentrated upon. The result is evident today in the regularly conducted national-wide tests. This area is probably the finest in Canada in this respect.

The Interior Provincial Exhibition at Armstrong knew him well, for his promotional activity, and support. He was a familiar figure there. He will be missed as few others.

To detail the manifold interests and activities of this dynamic character would be a lengthy undertaking, but perhaps the best summary could be offered in the comment that his friends were world wide.

Crowning Climax

Really regarding it as a climax of his career was the action last year when he gave his beautiful project, the Fintry estate, to the Fairbridge Farm Schools scheme. As he had come to love this new land, he wanted the youth of the Old Country to do the same, and to this end he made the greatest contribution within his power.

He expressed his pleasure, more than once, at the fact that he had been spared to see the first group of young lads come to the new school institution that he had helped to found on Okanagan lake.

A little incident, but a significant one, occurred just a few weeks ago, while he was already gravely ill and indeed in pain. He came into Vernon at the time of the Armstrong fair and accompanied the Fairbridge boys. He presided at a small party given for them all and saw that a present was available for each lad. This affair is believed to have been the last he was able to attend.

Very recently, he was in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital and also to Vancouver for treatment. But it was evident that the end was near and he chose to spend his last hours at the Fintry estate he had come to love so well.

Private funeral services were held from the Fintry home on Tuesday morning, October 17, with Rev. Dr. W. W. McPherson, of Kelowna officiating. The remains have been taken to Vancouver by George W. Sutherland, of the Kelowna Furniture Co., for cremation.

Margaret Dun Waters died November 6, 1980 in Kelowna and was cremated. There is no indication on her BC Death Registration of the final disposition of her ashes. The informant on her death registration was her nephew John Menzies. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13607, Registration #1980-09-017688]*

The following article appeared in the Friday, November 7, 1980 edition of the "Kelowna Daily Courier", page 3:

Pedestrian succumbs

Margaret Dun Waters, 85, of Kelowna, died in Kelowna General Hospital Thursday.

She suffered extensive injuries as the result of a pedestrian-vehicle accident at the corner of Harvey Avenue and Abbott Street at 11:20 a.m. Oct. 17.

Born in Morayshire, Scotland on April 1, 1895, she was the widow of the late Capt. Dun Waters, one of this area's early pioneers.

He was known for his famous herd of dairy cows at Fintry Estates. He was known for years of [as] "Lord of the Fintry".

Fintry Provincial Park and Protected Area

The property that is now Fintry Provincial Park and Protected Area was acquired by James Cameron Dun Waters in 1908 and was in his possession as a working farm and private residence until 1938. At that time, Dun Waters donated this property and buildings to Fairbridge Farm Schools to serve as an educational facility for English orphans. The Fairbridge Society which owned and operated Fintry closed all of its farm schools in 1949. Fintry then reverted to private ownership for a number of years before becoming a British Columbia Provincial Park. The area encompasses 361 hectares of park land and 523 hectares of protected area.

Information about Fintry Provincial Park and Protected Area can be found on the BC Parks website <www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/fintry/>. An excerpt follows:

Fintry Provincial Park includes 360 hectares of the former Fintry Estate, a heritage site with a colourful history. From the delta area to a forested area made up of ridges and deep slopes, this park offers two dramatically different topographical areas. There is over 2 km of waterfront with surrounding mountains and deep canyons. Shorts Creek passes through a deep canyon creating a series of waterfalls and deep pools. With almost two kilometres of waterfront property, the park has opportunities for camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and wildlife viewing. Recreational users can enjoy the natural sand beach while wildlife viewers can hike the Canyon trail and view a variety of birds, small mammals, deer and bighorn sheep in the higher regions.

Historical features throughout the park include the Manor House, the octagonal barn and several other farm buildings. A small wetland area located south of the Packing House, a portion of lakeshore and the Shorts Creek corridor and canyon below Westside Road are designated Special Feature-Natural Conservation Areas. Notable features within the zone include a large eagle's nest, old growth cottonwoods and several wildlife trees, Shorts Creek waterfall and kokanee spawning grounds. The Fintry Manor House, garden, the barns, remnant power generation and irrigation systems are special heritage features.

Fintry Protected Area was established on April 18, 2001, to enhance the ecological viability of the existing Park. This protected area protects important California bighorn sheep habitat and provides increased representation of the North Okanagan Basin ecozone by capturing an increased elevational gradient as well as providing a spectacular canyon and hiking and viewing opportunities.



Aerial view of the Fintry delta which includes Fintry Provincial Park and Protected Area, undated

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MARSHALL, Jane (nee Shannon): (1823 – 1902)

Location: This grave was probably located in the hills above Shannon Lake, northeast of the present Westbank townsite. According to Dorothy Hewlett Gellatly, pioneer resident Leonard Hayman told her that he attended Jane Marshall's funeral and burial and that she died in 1902 and was buried in a then unmarked grave. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. A Bit of Okanagan History. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, pages 20-24]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave but a marker has been discovered in Kelowna which reads: Here Lies / JANE MARSHALL / Died December 1902.

Biographical Information: Jane Shannon was born in Ohio on September 12, 1823. A marriage license to George Marshall and Jane Shannon was issued in Coshocton, Ohio on January 14, 1847. Their son Nathan Shannon Marshall was born at Coshocton on March 13, 1849. [FamilySearch: Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994] [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52]

Jane Marshall, her husband George and family were listed in the 1850 United States Census in Coshocton, Ohio. The next household may have been relatives of George: Joseph Marshall age 70 born Ireland, Sarah Marshall age 38 born Ireland, and Martha Marshall age 28 born Ohio. [1850 US Census: Ohio, Coshocton, Keene; Page 211a, Family 88]

Marshall, Geo	32 years old	born Ohio	farmer
Marshall, [Jane]	27 years old	born Ohio	
Marshall, Shannon	1 year old	born Ohio	

According to Nathan Shannon Marshall's obituary, the Marshall family moved to Oregon in 1851. In the 1860 US Census, the family was listed in Eugene, Oregon. ["Tonasket Times", October 13, 1922, page 1. (Item: Nathan S. Marshall, Pioneer, is Dead)] [1860 US Census: Oregon, Lane, Eugene; Page 255, Family 117]

Jane Marshall, her husband George and family were listed in the 1880 United States Census in Oregon. [1880 US Census: Oregon, Lane, Irving; Page 23- 24, Family 223]

Marshall, Geo	62 years old	born Ohio	farmer	parents born in Ireland
Marshall, [Jane]	56 years old	born Ohio	wife	parents born in Pennsylvania
Marshall, Shannon	31 years old	born Ohio	son	farmer
Marshall, Matilda	22 years old	born Oregon	daughter-in-law	
Marshall, Emily J.	2 years old	born Oregon	grand daughter	
Marshall, George D.	6/12 years old	born Oregon	grand son	

Jane Marshall, probably a widow, came to Westbank district c1894 with her son Nathan Shannon Marshall, his wife Rachel Matilda, and their children Emily Jane, George Dan, and John S. Marshall. At that time, the Marshall family lived near what is now Shannon Lake, named after Shannon Marshall. Clara Clark (nee Bailey), born at present-day Westbank (now City of West Kelowna) in 1896, recorded her memories of growing up in Westbank. Her article, "My Childhood Memories Of Westbank" in the Twenty-second Report of the Okanagan Historical Society, pages 15 - 18 provides background information about the Marshall family:

When my folks [Emma and John Bailey] arrived at Westbank [1895] they found the Shannon Marshall and John Davidson families. Dad's half-brother, George Collins, had come from Oregon with the Marshalls the year before.

Three generations of the Marshall family were listed in the 1901 Canada Census in Peachland district which included what is now the Westbank area. Shannon Marshall was listed as immigrating to Canada in 1893, with the rest of his family including his widowed mother following in 1896. [1901 Canada Census; British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52]

Marshall, S. Nathan	52 years old	born Ohio	Presbyterian	farmer
Marshall, Rachel	43 years old	born Oregon	Presbyterian	
Marshall, J. Emily	22 years old	born Oregon	Presbyterian	
Marshall, D. George	21 years old	born Oregon	Presbyterian	
Marshall, S. John	18 years old	born Oregon	Presbyterian	
Marshall, S. Jane	77 years old	born Ohio	Presbyterian	mother

Shannon Marshall was appointed the area's first postmaster on May 1, 1902. The post office was located in his home and was named Westbank. In 1908, this post office was moved from Shannon Lake to the new Westbank townsite, now part of City of West Kelowna. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 20]

Jane Marshall was listed in the 1901 Canada Census with her son, Nathan, and his family. She died in December 1902, probably at Shannon Lake. For many years, her grave was unmarked until Len Hayman, who was present at her funeral, had a marker installed. [Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 22]

The Marshall family, including stepdaughter Laura Ryan, was listed in the 1911 Canada Census. Nathan Shannon Marshall had immigrated to Canada in 1893, his wife and two sons in 1894, and stepdaughter Laura in 1904. It is not known what happened to Laura Ryan after this census. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Similkameen, Hedley; Page 2; Family 25]

Marshall, Nathan	62 years old	born USA	Anglican	farmer
Marshall, Tilly	54 years old	born USA	Presbyterian	
Marshall, George	29 years old	born USA	Anglican	farmer
Marshall, John	27 years old	born USA	Anglican	farmer
Ryan, Laura	15 years old	born USA	Baptist	stepdaughter

Clara Clark in "My Childhood Memories Of Westbank" described the social life in the early Westbank community. [Okanagan Historical Society, *Twenty-second Report*. Vernon: Vernon News, 1958, page 18]

Our entertainment was a Christmas tree once or twice at the Marshalls, who had the first post office at Westbank. They were all musical: George, Johnnie and Mr. Marshall played the violin or organ; Emily could play the banjo, guitar, or organ. Mother used to play the bass violin. They would have a "Literary" or debate or concert at each others' house. I remember one play they had. Dad was supposed to be a dentist, and he pulled a horse's tooth out of George Marshall's mouth!

George Marshall and Jane Shannon had one child:

- **Nathan Shannon Marshall:** born March 13, 1849 at Coshocton, Ohio; died October 12, 1922 at Tonasket, Washington; married Rachel Matilda Jest on December 19, 1875 possibly at Forest Grove, Oregon. ["Tonasket Times", October 13, 1922, page 1. (Item: Nathan S. Marshall, Pioneer, is Dead)]

Rachel Matilda Jest: born March 9, 1858 in Oregon, USA; died November 21, 1929 in Portland, Oregon, USA. ["Tonasket Times", October 13, 1922, page 1. (Item: Nathan S. Marshall, Pioneer, is Dead)] [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52] [Ancestry records: Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008]

Nathan Shannon Marshall and Rachel Matilda Jest had three children:

1. **Emily Jane Marshall:** born December 19, 1878 in Oregon; died February 20, 1958 in Multnomah, Oregon; married John T. Suter c1901. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52] [Ancestry records: Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008] [1910 US Census: Oregon, Multnomah, Portland; Page 3b, Family 60]

John T. Suter: born c1876 in England; died June 19, 1956 in Multnomah, Oregon. [1910 US Census: Oregon, Multnomah, Portland; Page 3b, Family 60] [Ancestry records: Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008]

Emily Jane Marshall and John T. Suter had one child:

- **Marshall J. Suter:** born November 3, 1909 in Oregon; died January 9, 1975 in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington. [Ancestry: US Social Security Death Index; Washington Death Index]

2. **George Dan Marshall:** born December 7, 1881 in Oregon; died January 31, 1964 in Wenatchee, Washington; married Nanette D. Thompson between 1930 and 1940. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52] ["Wenatchee Daily World", February 2, 1965] [1930 US Census: Washington, Okanogan, Tonasket; Page 4a, Family 28] [1940 US Census: Washington, Okanogan, Tonasket; Page 6b, Family 119]

Nanette D. Thompson: born c1871 in New York; died 1964 in Wenatchee, Washington. [1930 US Census: Washington, Okanogan, Tonasket; Page 4a, Family 28] [1940 US Census: Washington, Okanogan, Tonasket; Page 6b, Family 119] [Ancestry: Wenatchee, Washington, Obituary Index, 1884-2009]

The following obituary appeared in the Sunday, February 2, 1964 edition of the "Wenatchee Daily World":

George Dan Marshall, 84, of 837 Kittitas, longtime Wenatchee Valley resident, died in a local nursing home Friday.

He is survived by his widow at home; one brother, John Marshall, Coulee Dam; and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Jean Chastain, Wenatchee. Funeral arrangements are being made in Seattle.

3. **John S. Marshall:** born January 21, 1883 in Oregon; died November 28, 1968 in Washington. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale-Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 52] ["Okanogan Independent", December 5, 1968, page 1. (Obituary: John Marshall)]

John Marshall's obituary appeared on page 1 of the Thursday, December 5, 1968 edition of the "Okanogan Independent". A transcription of this obituary is included below:

John Marshall Dies At Tillicum

John Marshall, 85, Okanogan, an early county pioneer, died last Thursday while a patient at Tillicum House. Born in La Grande, Oregon, Mr. Marshall moved to this area in 1893 at the age of ten.

When interviewed in May by Independent staff writer Hazel Oakes, John had the following to say about his background, "I came through this country when I was ten years old and there wasn't much here. That was back in '93. I was on my way to British Columbia with my parents and I lived in the Kelowna area till I was 28 years old.

In 1911 I moved to Tunk Valley and farmed there for ten years before moving to Tonasket. I used to work on old fashioned threshing machines. One time I was bunking with a young fellow and we got up one morning and it was a miserable day, rainy and cold. He said to me, 'John this is my last day. I'm going back to school.' He did just that and later became city auditor for Spokane, a position he held for 25 years.

"I went to work for Vic Lesaniz and herded sheep for him all over this area for 15 years. 'What ever started you herding sheep?' a fellow asked me, and I replied, - 'Hoover [US President Herbert Hoover] did!'"

"I never had a family but I've had my share of friends. Two of my good friends, Newt Simpson and Ed Figlinski still live up Tunk Creek. I've lived a good spell, seen good times and bad."

Funeral services were held for John Marshall on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. from the Barnes Funeral Chapel in Okanogan with the Rev. James Caulkins officiating. Interment was in the Omak Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by William Barnes, Okanogan.

Nathan Shannon Marshall moved to Washington State with his family in 1912. He died at Tonasket, Washington. His obituary appeared in the Friday, October 13, 1922 issue of the "Tonasket Times", page 1:

Nathan S. Marshall, pioneer of the west and one of those early settlers of Oregon who crossed the plains in 1851, died of a paralytic stroke Thursday at his home two miles south of Tonasket. He had previously suffered several strokes, which had left him in ill health for a long time.

Nathan Shannon Marshall was born at Coshocton, Ohio, March 13, 1849. He emigrated with his parents to Oregon in 1851, in an ox-drawn wagon over the old emigrant trail. At the age of fourteen, during the Civil war, he joined one of the home guard companies organized by his father, G. H. Marshall, by commission of Abraham Lincoln, and helped to frustrate a threat of secessionists to march on the state capital and annex Oregon to the Confederacy. It was on the eve of the intended onslaught that a friendly Secessionist carried news to the Marshall home that the Rebels were planning to march against the government of Oregon at daybreak.

Owing to a long ride by Mr. Marshall's father throughout that part of the Willamette valley during which he spread the alarm, the guards were prepared to avert an outbreak on Oregon soil. The young Marshall was affiliated with his company throughout the Civil conflict.

Mr. Marshall attended the Congregationalist college at Forest Grove, and after completing his studies there was married, December 19, 1875, to Rachel Mailda [Matilda, also known as Tilly] Jest. He became interested in the woolen mill business in southern Oregon and was engaged in that business for many years. On account of ill health he removed to eastern Oregon and entered the business of stock raising, which he followed until 1894, when he went to Canada to reside.

As the years passed, Mr. Marshall felt that he should return to the land of his birth, and in 1912 he settled on the homestead two miles south of Tonasket, where he resided at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, two sons – G. D. and J. S. Marshall – and one daughter, Mrs. John Suter, of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Marshall was an esteemed citizen of the community, and one of the earliest to promote its agricultural interests.

In A Bit of Okanagan History, on pages 20 to 24, westside historian Dorothy Hewlett Gellatly provided additional information about the Marshall family including Jane Marshall's death, funeral, and burial:

The Marshall's came here [to Westbank] from Union County, Oregon, somewhere about the turn of the century, for though the official date of Shannon's first pre-emption here is dated sometime in 1905, his appointment as post master dates from May 1, 1902, and by that time he had a home built with a small lean-to which served as Westbank's first post office.

According to a story related to me years ago by a Mr. Bert Huffman, then of New Westminster [BC], who wrote me on reading a story of mine appearing in "The Victoria Colonist," to tell me that he'd known the Marshall's when he, and they, lived in Oregon where Shannon's father had a hog ranch not far from what was known locally as "Rattlesnake Flats," where the camas lily grew profusely, providing splendid rooting for the Marshall's pigs. The sight of scores of pigs heading home after rooting luxuriously for those camas bulbs was a sight to see, went on Mr. Huffman, adding, as also was the sight of Mr. Marshall, Senior, on horseback, galloping after those animals in, as often as not, a vain effort to round them up.

The Umatilla Indians also were after those hogs, for the reason that those camas bulbs had, from time immemorial, been an important item of their food supply. Harvesting the bulbs each summer, the women pounded them with deer or elk meat and huckleberries, for the making of pemmican. Further, according to Mr. Huffman, every squaw on the Umatilla Reservation cursed and reviled the owner of those pigs, and were forever running them down with their horses.

Occasionally, Mr. Marshall was successful in rounding up his recalcitrant pigs and driving them home – no easy task at any time, declared Mr. Huffman. When he wasn't successful, he might run those he'd managed to collect to the nearest neighbour's place for the night, and incidentally, feed that neighbour's barley, or whatever, to his pigs. And if those animals were not exactly welcome, it didn't matter too much, for the reason that Marshall, being a sort of itinerant preacher, was welcome practically everywhere, to either hold a religious service, or it might even be a funeral. And who could know what particular family might require his services next?

His son, Shannon's, interest was in horses rather than pigs, of which he'd probably had more than his fill, and while still in Oregon, Shannon took lessons from a travelling horse-trainer. Before long he'd learned enough to start horse-training himself, and having developed considerable ability, decided to style himself "Professor" and travelled the country displaying that ability. The only difficulty, so it was claimed, was the fact that no one but Shannon could either ride or work the horses he'd trained.

He possessed a flair for naming them, too, and at one time owned a team answering to "Journey and Sing," while yet another team was named, "Hell-an-Blazes." His dog was aptly named, "Joblots." On setting out for Okanagan it is said that Marshall brought with him fourteen fine Clydesdales, but having no feed that first winter here, most of them were dead by spring; which seems rather strange in this lush bunch-grass country; though it may have been that the snow lay too deep that winter for the horses to get at it.

This stroke of bad luck didn't get Marshall down, though it must have hurt to lose those precious animals. But he survived the loss, and was able to turn his hand

to anything, especially if it didn't entail too much actually drudgery on his part; at least that's the way the story was told years later. Good at organizing, he loved to call and attend meetings, particularly if he was called on to preside. According to those who knew him, his sallies kept any crowd in excellent humour, and being a bit of a wit as well as a good conversationalist, it's scarcely necessary to add that he was always in demand at picnics and gatherings of all sorts, especially where a speaker was needed. And being musical as well, he'd gladly play the violin at dances where, in those days, men were said to out-number the women by about ten to one.

According to reports, the entire [Marshall] family was musical and gregarious as well; therefore no opportunity was missed to invite one and all to their home for a musical evening, while even the most casual visitor would be invited to "...throw your leg under the table and share our meal." One thing Shannon really regretted was that he could not write poetry and it is told that he once offered to sit up all night if only a local poet whose work he greatly admired, would teach him the "recipe." Lacking formal education, he probably had a great admiration and longing for it, which is perhaps why his eldest son was proudly named "Edison," in honor of Thomas A. Edison, whose fame was becoming known about the time the boy was born.

There's no record of Shannon's father ever being here, but his mother very definitely was – and here, eventually, she died, and was buried on a hillside that was to have become the community's cemetery. And for half a century that grave, still solitary, remained unmarked, until the late Leonard Hayman, who'd attended the old lady's funeral, took it upon himself to – hopefully – locate and mark it with a bronze [copper] plaque bearing the simple inscription: "Here lies Jane Marshall. Died November [December], 1902."



Marker discovered on Capozzi property in Kelowna in April 2006

Here Lies
Jane Marshall
Died December 1902

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 24 October 2012

I was with Captain Hayman on the day he marked her grave, or at least what he thought was to be her grave. But before telling the end of the story I should relate some of the whimsical touches that relieved the occasion of her passing. "The old lady died last night," had been the terse statement made on that long-ago day by the "old lady's" son, Shannon. It wasn't said callously; it was just that her death, having been expected, had come to pass.

Naturally, the neighbours, near and far, rallied to give assistance, all agreeing that it was a good thing Marshall had – awhile back – called a meeting for the purpose of selecting a spot for a cemetery. Now they gathered to do all possible for the family of the deceased, and the details having been taken care of, they awaited the arrival of the minister, who had to ride over the trail from his home in Peachland – which in those days must have been known by its original name, Camp Hewitt. On arriving at the Marshall home at last, the minister shook hands with the mourners before proceeding with the service.

Warming to his subject, he delivered an excellent sermon. So excellent indeed – as well as lengthy – that the congregation realized sooner than he, that the short November [December] afternoon would soon be drawing to a close. Uneasy glances said more plainly than words that "...he'd better get on with it, that hill's gonna be tough travelling..." Almost as though their thoughts had communicated themselves to him, the preacher, ceasing abruptly and announcing the closing hymn, glanced first at his watch, then at the patch of lowering sky visible from the window. Could it be going to snow?

Doubtless his thoughts were on the lonely pack-trail stretching between him and his cosy fireside, and those cliffs along the trail that, in places, dropped practically sheer to the lake far below. Besides, winter riding was cold as well as dangerous, especially after dark...and it must have been then that he decided there was nothing for it but to postpone burial until the next day – and what was more – he'd no intention of being there to officiate! Glancing speculatively over the gathering the minister must have made up his mind...That fresh-faced youngster over by the door, recently arriving from England...What was his name? Ah yes, Hayman – had a bit of a voice, too, so he'd be able to lead the singing. And Strang, the religious eccentric, should conduct tomorrow's graveside service...

And that's the way it was, Captain Hayman told me.

In the morning, relieved that it hadn't snowed during the night, the mourners and their friends hurried through their chores before gathering for the second time. But now a new thought struck – how to get the women-folk – who'd no intention of being left behind – to the graveside, already dug? Dubiously the men eyed the equipages; two wagons, and one of them not too steady on its axles. Well, there was nothing for it but to use the shaky wagon as a hearse; at least it wouldn't be carrying anything alive! They themselves were alright, there were plenty of saddle-horses, and all of them rode, of course.

The cortege set off at last, only to realize that their wisdom in setting aside ground for a cemetery had not included the provision of a road to get there. Well, the teamsters would have to choose the easiest sidehill grades, that was all. So, except for an occasional smothered cry when their carriages hit a specially tough clump of sage, the women bore their ride stoically. They could have stayed home of course; but it was so seldom that an event such as this entered their lonely lives that they'd made up their minds to take full advantage of it.

The graveside reached, the coffin was unloaded. Soon their task would be done; but no – suddenly the men realized they'd nothing with which to lower the casket into the grave. Momentarily baffled, they eyed each other sheepishly...ah, their lariats! which would have worked fine had the men not, out of respect for the occasion, removed them and other such superfluous gear from their saddles before setting out. The lines then? The very thing!

Unbuckled, the lines were put to their new use, and now at last everything was ready. Mr. [Dare Stanley] Strang took up his position and the service proceeded, with the "young Englishman" leading the singing. All went well until he picked up a handful of earth in readiness for the final words: Dust to dust, ashes to ashes..." but before those words could be spoken, someone leaned toward him and in a hoarse whisper muttered something to the effect that they were "...not used in this country..." Slowly the earth trickled through the young Englishman's fingers, and doubtless [doubtless] to his dying day, Leonard Hayman wondered about those whispered instructions. I know he still wondered about them years later when he told me the story of that burial, on the day he marked his [this] old lady's grave.

And on that day I was not aware – not until long afterwards, indeed; that my young brothers knew the spot the Captain was seeking. That they'd been shown a spot marked by a pile of stones, and had been told that was old Mrs. Marshall's grave. Naturally the knowledge meant little to them; after all, there were much more interesting things to wonder about than a solitary grave on a hillside. A grave that for all they knew, or cared, had been there for ages; though in fact it couldn't have been more than ten or twelve years [old] at most.

Not until very recent years did doubts concerning the location of that grave arise; the question coming up when the supposed site was included in an area required for a housing sub-division. Now came the question of what to do about the old lady's grave; a question thought to be perfectly solved with the decision to exhume the remains and give them burial elsewhere.

The attempt was duly made, without avail. Dig as they might – and did – no remains were found. Therefore, it could only be assumed that after a lapse of more than half a century, the captain [Len Hayman] could not have been positive concerning the exact location. Nor was it much wonder, for the spot he decided on had little to judge by; not even a tree – only a depression of sorts that apparently had nothing to do with a grave, after all. So there still remains, somewhere on that hillside, the unmarked – but no longer lonely the grave of an old lady whose family forgot, though Captain Hayman did not.

In April 2006, Kelowna residents Herb and Alix Capozzi were having clean-up work done on their property near Bellevue Creek, Kelowna. As work continued, the landscapers made a most unusual find – a metal grave marker lying flat on the ground and some human bones. An article about this discovery appeared on page A4 of the April 28, 2006 edition of the "Kelowna Daily Courier":

Jane's grave a mystery
Mission property owners discover grave marker from 1902

A Kelowna couple has discovered their Mission property includes a 104-year-old grave.

Herb and Alix Capozzi were having some brush cleared away when landscapers found the bronze [copper] grave marker laying flat on the ground.

The inscription reads "Here lies Jane Marshall, Died Dec. 1, 1902, Rest in Peace." [Note errors in transcription in this newspaper article.]

"It was a bit of a shock, to realize there's someone buried there," Alix said Thursday. "It doesn't really bother us, but we would like to find out if she has any descendants around."

Efforts to track down any relatives since the grave was discovered Easter Monday on the Collett Road property have proved unsuccessful.

There's no record of a Jane Marshall dying in the Kelowna area in December 1902, according to the provincial department of vital statistics.

These remains were later reburied on the Capozzi property and a priest conducted a ceremony.
[Alix Capozzi]

The marker that was found is inscribed, "Here Lies / JANE MARSHALL / Died December 1902". This is most certainly the marker of Jane Marshall who died and was probably buried near Shannon Lake in 1902. The question, of course, is how this marker crossed Okanagan Lake and ended up in Kelowna. Perhaps it was hauled from the westside along with sand or soil as part of an earlier landscaping project.



Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 24 October 2012

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McDOUGALL, John Baptiste: (c1828 – c1903)

Location: This grave is probably located near Westbank, BC, now part of the City of West Kelowna. [Hutchison, John, ed. *Transcription of William Brent's Memoirs*, unpublished]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: John Baptiste McDougall was born at Fort Garry, Manitoba c1828. According to Shirley Louis, great great granddaughter of John Baptiste McDougall, his father was born in Quebec of Scottish descent. John McDougall's mother was born in what is now western Canada. Following a number of years in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and extensive travelling in western Canada and the USA, John McDougall and his family settled in the Central Okanagan in 1861. [Shirley Louis] [Buckland, Frank Morgan. *Ogopogo's Vigil: A History of Kelowna and the Okanagan*. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1979, page 33]



McDougall 1860s Trading Post, undated
Built by John McDougall on his property where Guisachan House is now located

This building, minus its pitched roof and bottom row of logs, was disassembled and moved c1967 to the Kelowna Centennial Museum, now the Okanagan Heritage Museum.

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #7106

John and Amelia (nee Topa) McDougall and their family were among the earliest settlers in the Central Okanagan. John McDougall's first pre-emption was on March 20, 1861. This pre-emption was located in what is now the Guisachan and Gordon Drive area of Kelowna. [Shirley Louis] [Buckland, Frank Morgan. *Ogopogo's Vigil: A History of Kelowna and the Okanagan*. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1979, page 33]



The second McDougall house, originally located on the 1861 McDougall pre-emption

Now located on the site of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception "Father Pandosy Mission", Kelowna

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 25 July 2014

The enumeration for the Voters' List contained in the Sessional Papers of the Province of British Columbia, Sessions 1878, page 225, lists John McDougall as a farmer in Okanagan Mission, Okanagan Polling Division, Yale District.

District of Okanagan Assessment Roll, 1879, Schedule B provides information about the extent of John McDougall's agricultural worth (\$1600) and personal property worth (\$3000). His agricultural holdings included 180 head of cattle, 20 hogs, 30 horses, and 320 acres of land.

On page 33 of Ogopogo's Vigil, early Kelowna resident and historian Frank Morgan Buckland wrote about John McDougall:

John McDougall, who had visited this Valley since the early [eighteen] forties, retired from the Hudson's Bay Company's service because he resented the treatment accorded his old time factor, Peter S. Ogden. Staking a rural claim March 20, 1861, and taking over that staked by George Ford July 1st of the same year, McDougall cultivated some of the land where Woodlawn and the Guisachan Ranch is today, and built a substantial house with out-buildings. Born at Fort Garry in 1827, and married in Fort Kamloops to a native woman [Amelia Topa], Johnny McDougall decided to settle here after twenty years coming and going with the pack trains. The Hudson's Bay Company staked him to trade goods which were dealt to local Indians for what furs they could deliver. John McDougall raised six [eight] boys some of whom became the most efficient hunters and trappers and guides this country has produced. With their intimate knowledge of the surrounding country they were of great assistance to irrigation engineers, in later days when reservoirs and dams were being constructed.

In the frontispiece of Ogopogo's Vigil, Frank Buckland stated that he had the privilege "to meet and talk with many of the original settlers, half-breed families, and old-time Indians"...including "David McDougall [son of John and Amelia McDougall] and his several brothers". [Buckland, Frank Morgan. Ogopogo's Vigil: A History of Kelowna and the Okanagan. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1979]

Three generations of the McDougall family were listed in the 1881 Canada Census: John and Amelia McDougall, their eight sons, and two grandchildren. In this record, the surname is spelled "McDougall". [*1881 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan; Pages 12-13; Family 78*]

McDougal, John	55 years old	born Manitoba	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, Amelia	46 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougal, Alexander	30 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, Margaret	22 years old	born BC	Catholic	[wife of Alexander]
McDougal, Enneas	28 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, David	24 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, Terese	20 years old	born US	Catholic	[wife of David]
McDougal, David	6 years old	born BC	Catholic	[son of David]
McDougal, Virginia	1 year old	born BC	Catholic	[daughter of David]
McDougal, Henry	20 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, Edward	17 years old	born BC	Catholic	farmer
McDougal, Amab	12 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougal, Lizim	10 years old	born BC	Catholic	
McDougal, Norbab [Urban]	8 years old	born BC	Catholic	

Because of failing health, Amelia McDougall left John McDougall and family and returned to Kamloops to die. She may have died in 1889. [*Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes*]

In 1890, John McDougall sold his original pre-emption and relocated to the west side of Okanagan Lake. His 1861 pre-emption was purchased by Lord and Lady Aberdeen. The Aberdeens had a large home built on this property, which they renamed Guisachan Ranch. This residence, built in 1891, is still extant, designated a local historic site, and currently serving as a restaurant. [*Shirley Louis*]

In the 1891 Canada Census, John McDougall was 62 years old, a widower, and living with five of his sons: Henry, Amab, Lazeen (Lesime), Yuben (Urban), Edward, and Edward's wife Eusebia and their children Albert and Amelia McDougall. [*1891 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan Mission; Page 10; Family 59*]

John Baptiste McDougall and Amelia Topa had 10 sons:

1. **Enneas (Aeneas) McDougall:** born July 12, 1850 in Washington Territory; died after the 1901 Canada Census, place unknown; married Idal (Atelle) (surname unknown). [*1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 5; Family 44*]

Idal (Atelle): born c1860 in BC; died November 7, 1910 at or near Westbank, BC. [*"Orchard City Record", Thursday, November 10, 1910, page 1*]

2. **Alexander McDougall:** born c1851 in BC; died September 26, 1908 at Westbank, BC; married Marguerite De Chiquette on July 11, 1875. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13110, Registration #1908-09-198386*] [*Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes*]

Marguerite De Chiquette: born c1859 in BC; no information about her death. [*Shirley Louis*]

3. **David Joseph McDougall:** born between 1854 and 1857 at Cedar Hills, Victoria, BC; died April 16, 1936 at Kelowna; married Terese Christine Couture on January 27, 1873. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13156, Registration #1936-09-513296*] [*Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes*]

Terese Christine Couture: born c1858 in BC; died June 21, 1938 at Kelowna. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13162, Registration #1938-09-544354*]

4. **Joseph Norbert McDougall:** born December 13, 1859; died August 26, 1864, age 4 years, 8 months, and 13 days at Okanagan Mission; buried on August 27, 1864 in Mission of the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. [*Immaculate Conception Mission Parish Records*]

5. **Henry McDougall:** born January 1, 1861 in BC; died August 8, 1954 at Haney, BC; married Mary Vernon in 1894. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13221, Registration #1954-09-008986] [Shirley Louis, We Heard It in the Bushes]*

Mary Vernon: born May 12, 1876 at Vernon, BC; died October 25, 1948 at Vernon, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13198, Registration #1948-09-009753]*

6. **Edward McDougall:** born December 20, 1863 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died June 9, 1939 at Westbank, BC; married Christina (Eusebia) Smithson on December 29, 1884 in Vernon district. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics: Microfilm #B13165, Registration #1939-09-559565] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11387, Registration #1884-09-167731]*

Christina (Eusebia) Smithson: born August 8, 1870 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died March 31, 1961 at Victoria, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-004023]*

7. **John McDougall:** born March 7, 1866, probably at Okanagan Mission, BC; possibly died in infancy at Okanagan Mission, BC. *[Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes, pages 33-34]*

8. **John Amabile McDougall:** born January 16, 1869, at Okanagan Mission, BC; died February 14, 1961 at Winfield, BC; married Louisa Felix on July 17, 1893 in Kamloops District. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-003581] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1893-09-186622]*

Louisa Felix: born c1870 in BC; died November 19, 1934 at Westbank, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13152, Registration #1934-09-496146]*

9. **Lesime McDougall:** born c1871 on Duck Lake Indian Reserve #7, Okanagan Valley, BC; died September 11, 1924 at Kelowna; buried on Westbank Indian Reserve; did not marry. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13360, Registration #1924-09-008452]*

10. **Urban McDougall:** born October 12, 1872 at Okanagan Mission, BC; died July 12, 1949 at Westbank, BC; married Madeline Jack on April 7, 1902 at Kamloops. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13201, Registration #1949-09-007195] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics, Microfilm #B13888 Registration #1902-09-026740]*

Madeline Jack: born December 15, 1878 at Vernon, BC; died December 14, 1952 at 6 Mile Creek, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13214, Registration #1952-09-012653]*

John Baptiste McDougall had a second family with a Westbank First Nations woman named Julie (surname unknown):

1. **Martha (Martina) Lola McDougall:** born c1882 in Vernon, BC; died November 7, 1979 in Westbank, BC; married 1) San Pierre 2) Gaston Louie (Louis) on February 23, 1920 at Kamloops, BC. At the time of her death, Martina Lola Louie was the widow of Gaston Louie. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13599, Registration #1979-09-016890] [Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics (not filmed), Registration #1920-09-544850]*

San Pierre: no information

Gaston Louie: born c1876 in BC; died after 1921, place not known. *[1921 Canada Census: BC, Yale 25, Indian Reserves, Okanagan Agency, Okanagan Band; Page 3]*

2. **Agnes (Agatha) McDougall:** born c1891 in Westbank, BC; died August 26, 1924 in Westbank, BC; married Casimir Pierre. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13360, Registration #1924-09-008458] [Louis, Shirley. We Heard It in the Bushes]*

Casimir Pierre; born c1885 in BC, son of Antoine Pierre and Julie Adrian; died December 19, 1966 in Penticton, BC. The informant on his BC Death Registration was his daughter Agnes Pierre. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13281, Registration #1966-09-017351*]

On page 38 of We Heard It in the Bushes, McDougall family historian Shirley Louis wrote about the final years of her great great grandparents, John McDougall and Amelie (Amelia) Topa:

From family members I was told that in 1889, Amelie became ill and her last wish was to return to her people in Kamloops to live out her final days. Apparently, Urban was then 16 and John had agreed to watch over their sons and grandchildren. Now, since Amelie is not listed in the 1891 Canada Census and is not present with John at Westbank, her possible death year could very well have been in 1889.

Incidentally, Amelie is the one person who compels me to keep researching. So little is known about her and personally, I place her on my research priority list. She is the woman partly responsible for creating our large family: a strong and courageous mother of ten sons who endured the hardships of the day. I also often ponder the hardships she, as the only female in the family, underwent as an Indian woman in the midst of a growing white society.

From an audio tape at the Kelowna Museum and Archives, it was brought to my attention by Bob Hayes, the vice-president of the Genealogical Society in Kelowna, that John Baptiste [McDougall] died in 1903 while fishing off the shores of Okanagan Landing, Vernon. The voice on the tape is Daniel McDougall [probably the son of Edward McDougall and Christina Smithson] and also present is [his uncle] Amab McDougall. Amab, however, was very weak and his voice is not clear. Dan was present to help with the interview.

On page 29 of A Bit of Okanagan History, Dorothy Hewlett Gellatly provides additional information surrounding the circumstances of John McDougall's death:

John McDougall met a tragic death by drowning while out fishing one day, quite alone. His boat was found, when search was made, with the body of the old man lying in the bottom, quite dead. Just how the accident happened will never be known.

No BC Death Registration has been found for either John Baptiste McDougall or his wife Amelia. A search for an obituary for John McDougall in the "Vernon News" was unsuccessful.

William Brent wrote about the early years in the Okanagan Valley, including the district's pioneers. His parents, Frederick and Mary Ann Brent, had settled at the south end of Duck Lake in 1865. [*Tutt, Nellie. The History of Ellison District 1858 – 1958. Kelowna: Kelowna Printing, Ltd., 1958, page 10 - 11*]

In his memoirs, William Brent provided insight into pioneer life in the Okanagan, with an extensive account, on pages 49 - 56, of the life of John McDougall – whose surname William Brent spelled in several different ways. For clarity, some spelling and punctuation errors in the original typed transcription have been corrected. [*Hutchison, John, ed. William Brent Memoirs. Unpublished transcription*]

Now we come to Johnnie MacDougall. He was born in Manitoba, joined the Hudsons Bay Company as a canoe man and packer when he was seventeen years of age. It was he who found the spoons away up north of the Arctic circle belonging to the ill-fated Franklin expedition [of 1845] when he was sent out as a member of an expedition the Hudsons Bay Company sent out north to try to locate or find out what became of Franklin. Then being sent to B.C. he rode down

the west side of Okanagan lake with a pack trail [train] coming from Kamloops to Walla Walla in 1845. He worked for the H.B.C. fourteen years. At that time when anyone worked for the Hudson Bay Company it was like enlisting in the army. They were sworn on for a number of years about seven mostly & when that time expired the party could either enlist for another period or quit. After fourteen years MacDougal quit as he wanted to strike out for himself. He first went to Victoria, B.C. and there his eldest [third] son David MacDougal was born. Then he went to Oregon and bought breeding cattle and brought them up the Okanagan river to Osoyoos. This was the first breeding stock to be brought in the upper country. The custom officer Mr. Hayes [John Carmichael Haynes] would not let him come into British Columbia until he paid full duty on his stock. Not having enough money he took a contract to pack supplies for the miners from Fort Hope to Rock Creek. At Fort Hope he met Governor Douglas. Douglas asked him "What was he doing", he told him of his venture in breeding stock and not having enough money to pay the full custom duty to bring them into B.C. he had to take a packing contract. Governor Douglas apparently thinking heavily of this question kept repeating as if talking to himself "We want breeding stock in British Columbia". Then coming to a conclusion he wrote out an order giving it [to] Johnnie MacDougal to deliver at his custom officer at Osoyoos to allow breeding stock to come free of custom duty into British Columbia. MacDougal after finishing his contract of packing delivered this order to Mr. Haynes, custom officer at Osoyoos who apparently did not take notice of this order and MacDougal had to pay the full custom duty and drove his cattle up the Okanagan Mission Valley where he kept them around his home stead. The next year Judge Cox who made his annual round through the Okanagan saw MacDougal as it seemed Governor Douglas had told Judge Cox of MacDougals venture in breeding stock asked him "How he was getting along". MacDougal answered "All right but I had to pay full customs duty of my cattle as Haynes did not take any notice of Governor Douglas orders. Judge Cox said "I'll see him about it". In a few months time on one of his trips down the Okanagan MacDougal called on Haynes who was ready and willing to refund his money. But MacDougal said if it was alright with him he would take flour, bacon, and other supplies instead to the amount of money as Haynes kept a large stock of government provisions in case of food running short in the mines. MacDougal made a good deal with him. MacDougal kept quite a stock of goods afterwards a long time, trading it for articles which he wanted. He raised quite large family of boys and was one of the first pioneers to sellout to G.G. [George Grant] MacKay [1890]. He then moved across the Okanagan Lake to Westbank where he had a pre-emption and used to come over to Kelowna about once a week. In his travels working for the Hudson Bay Company he met a great many people who were able to tell interesting yarns and stories around the campfires in the evening. MacDougal being an uneducated man had a great memory and manys a night I have listened to him telling stories or yarns always a different one and he could tell to [?] so well that it seemed life like in his quaint English way of speaking. At every dance party in the Valley he was there and no party was complete unless Johnnie danced the famous Red River jig in his moccasins. He never wore boots in his life. At the age of seventy he was still dancing it his long hair hanging down to his shoulders flying in the air and his feet hitting the floor in perfect time, jumping knee high off the floor he was a sight to behold. I have seen tap dancers on the stage but no one came near him in accomplishment. I have often wondered that a man of his age, through all the hardships he had gone through while working for the Hudson's Bay [Company] and then being able to dance as he did, not the least bit of stiffness or rumatism [rheumatism] in his legs. The ranch that he sold to G.G. [George Grant] MacKay was afterwards sold to Lord Aberdeen and is known as Guisachan. He [John McDougall] died at an advanced age and was buried in Westbank, B.C.

On pages 37 - 39 of his memoirs, William Brent wrote of an encounter that John McDougall had with Okanagan Lake's legendary lake monster, now known as Ogopogo but earlier known by the First Nations name N'ha-a-itk. For clarity, some spelling and punctuation errors in the original typed transcription have been corrected. [Hutchison, John, ed. *William Brent Memoirs*. Unpublished transcription]

Johnnie MacDougal when crossing the lake [Okanagan] at the narrows at Kelowna, leading one of his horses, which was swimming behind his canoe, though this had been done many times as it was the only way to take horse across the lake at that time. When about half ways across the horse seemed to have got frightened and neighed a few times, made a jump half way out of the water, then went down in the water and disappeared and no trace of it was ever seen again. Johnnie MacDougal had to let the rope go or it would have pulled him down under the water. I must say that if a horse got tired of swimming and started sinking he was choked with the rope and would bloat. He was dragged along like that for a while. That is how horses are rested when they have a long distance to swim for just as soon as the rope was losen'd the horse would swim refreshed. What pulled this horse down I cannot say but it must have been some large serpent or mammal of some kind. There was a lot of talk about it when I was a small boy. Some people said they saw Ogo-po-go lying asleep on the shores like a log but as they approached it with their canoes it would slide down in the water and disappear. Some said he was built like a great big fish, only the body was round. Others said he was built like a serpent. I have come to the conclusion that there are different species.

The McDougalls were well-known for their log buildings and were often called upon, by other pioneers in the district, to put this skill to work. The McDougall trading post was located on the original 1861 pre-emption near present-day Cameron Avenue and Gordon Drive in Kelowna. This building, minus its pitched roof and bottom row of logs, is now in the Okanagan Heritage Museum, Queensway Avenue, Kelowna. It has been set up as an 1860s trading post, complete with piles of furs and various trade goods. [Bob Hayes]

The first McDougall home was a small log cabin with a sod roof. This was probably located on their original pre-emption. [Buckland, Frank Morgan. *Ogopogo's Vigil: A History of Kelowna and the Okanagan*. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, Date of Publication Unknown, page 138]

The second McDougall home has been restored and relocated to the Mission of the Immaculate Conception – popularly known as “The Father Pandosy Mission” – on Benvoulin Road, Kelowna. [Buckland, Frank Morgan. *Ogopogo's Vigil: A History of Kelowna and the Okanagan*. Kelowna: Orchard City Press, 1979]

The third McDougall log home is also still in existence. It is located behind the historic Guisachan house at 1060 Cameron Avenue, Kelowna. Made of squared-logs, this McDougall home was built in 1886 by members of the McDougall family. When Glenmore Road and Gordon Drive were connected and extended southward in 1984, Central Okanagan Heritage Society (COHS) received permission from the City of Kelowna to dismantle the home which was on the right-of-way. The home was then rebuilt by the Society within Guisachan Park where it remains. [Bob Hayes] [Lorraine McLarty]

The historic c1890 Joseph Christien house, located on the site of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, built by David McDougall, is another fine example of a McDougall-built log structure. This was originally located in Ellison on the west side of Old Vernon Road. In 1970, it was partially disassembled and moved to the Mission site and reassembled. [Bob Hayes]



Front of the Joseph Christien house built c1890 by David McDougall

Photo Credit: Marlene Crane, 13 July 2014



Rear view of the Joseph Christien house built c1890 by David McDougall

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 25 July 2014



The third McDougall house, built c1872, now located at Guisachan Heritage Park

Photo Credit: Marlene Crane, 13 July 2014

The McDougall family has played a significant role in the history of the Central Okanagan Valley. There are many McDougall descendants still living in the Okanagan Valley. For more information about the McDougall family, please see the Duck Lake Area section of this book.

McDougall Creek and McDougall Ridge on the west side of Okanagan Lake are named for the McDougall family.

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MUIRHEAD, James Bain: (1850 – 1935)

Location: This grave is located on Lot 2550, Ewing's Landing, BC – the property owned by the Muirhead family. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13153, Registration #1935-09-498130]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: James Bain Muirhead was born in Denny, Stirlingshire, Scotland on June 15, 1850, son of James Muirhead and Margaret Bain. He married Marion Allan, daughter of Robert Allan and Janet Gemmel. Their three children were born in New Zealand between 1892 and 1895. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13153, Registration #1935-09-498130] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13247, Registration #1960-09-007718] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-005453] ["Vernon News", February 21, 1935, page 10]

The Muirhead family was recorded on a passenger list for the ship "Mariposa" which sailed from Auckland, New Zealand on June 13, 1896 and arrived at San Francisco, California on July 2, 1896. [California, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882 - 1957]

- Muirhead, James: age 40 years; occupation oil driver [?]; born Scotland; last residence New Plymouth, New Zealand; landing San Francisco; going to Port Townsend
- Muirhead, Marion: age 33 years; wife; born Scotland
- Muirhead, Robert: age 4 years, 2 months; son
- Muirhead, James: age 2 years, 7 months; son
- Muirhead, Allan: age 10 months; son

According to the 1911 Canada Census, the Muirhead family came to Canada in 1897. James Bain Muirhead was listed as having a fruit farm at Ewing's Landing, BC. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan; Page 2; Family 20]

Muirhead, James B	60 years old	born June 1851 Scotland	Christian	orchardist
Muirhead, Marion	47 years old	born June 1863 Scotland	Christian	
Muirhead, Robert Allan	18 years old	born March 1893 New Zealand	Christian	
Muirhead, James B	15 years old	born Dec 1895 New Zealand	Christian	
Muirhead, Allan	14 years old	born July 1896 New Zealand	Christian	

James Bain Muirhead purchased his Ewing's Landing property, Lot 2550, from James Cameron Dun Waters. [Sauerwein, Stan and Bailey, Arthur. *Finty - Lives, Loves and Dreams: The story of a unique Okanagan landmark*. Victoria, BC: Trafford Publishing, 2000, page 9]

James Bain Muirhead died at Ewing's Landing on February 16, 1935 and was buried on his property, "Part Dist: Lot 2550, Ewings Ldg. B.C.", on February 18, 1935. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13153, Registration #1935-09-498130]

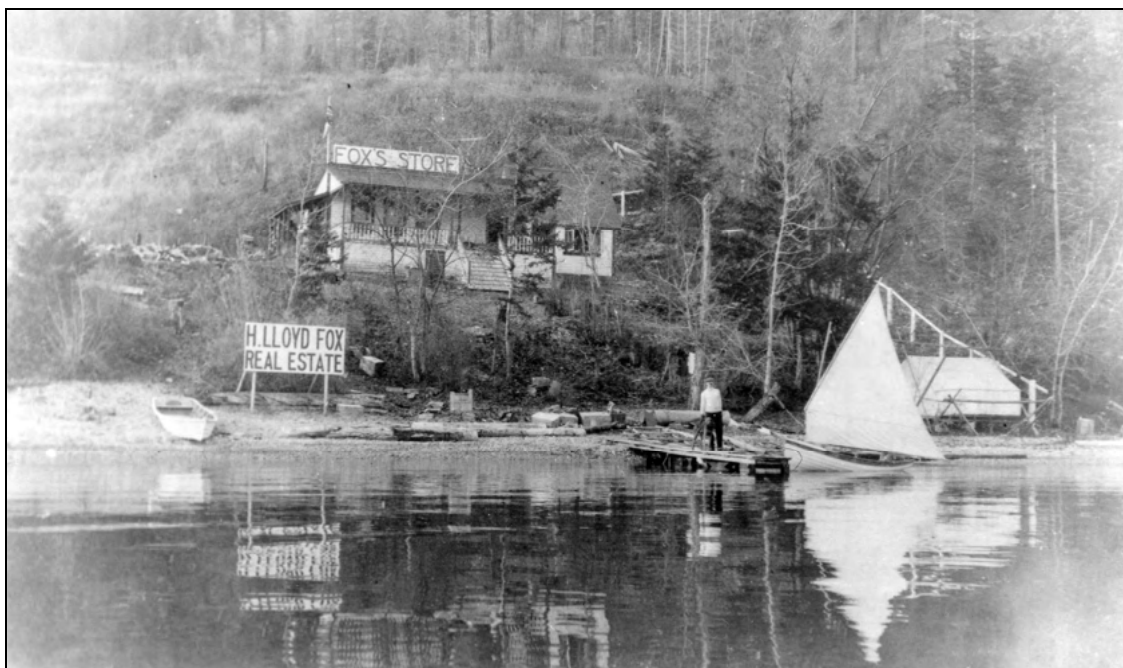
The following obituary appeared in the February 21, 1935 edition of the "Vernon News", page 10:

Ewing's Landing, B.C., Feb. 18. – Death called one of the pioneers of this district on Saturday, February 16, in the person of James Bain Muirhead, of "Muirallan," Ewing's Landing, in his 84th year.

Mr. Muirhead's health has been failing for some time, and his passing came as a climax to a long and arduous illness.

A native of Denny, Scotland, the deceased came first to Canada in 1877, and spent a total of 51 years in Canada, 40 of which he lived in British Columbia. In 1910 he settled at Ewing's Landing with his family where he has been active in the fruit-growing industry. He was well known and highly respected by his many friends both in this district and in many parts of the Valley.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Allan, of Ewing's Landing, and James, of Victoria. Mr. Muirhead's wish was that his remains should be interred on his own property. Accordingly, the funeral was held on Monday, February 18, the Rev. Dr. Jenkin H. Davies, of Vernon, officiating.



Fox's Store at Ewing's Landing, c1913

Mr. Fox and a dog standing on the wharf

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #6315

MUIRHEAD, Marion: (1863 – 1946)

Location: This grave is located on Lot 2550, Ewing's Landing, BC – the property owned by the Muirhead family. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-005453]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Marion Allan was born on June 5, 1863 at Govan, Lanarkshire, Scotland, daughter of Robert Allan and Janet Gemmel. She married James Bain Muirhead, son of James Muirhead and Margaret Bain. Marion Muirhead died at Ewing's Landing on April 4, 1946. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-005453] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13247, Registration #1960-09-007718] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13153, Registration #1935-09-498130]

Marion Muirhead came to British Columbia with her husband James Bain Muirhead and three sons. They settled at Ewing's Landing on the west side of Okanagan Lake south of Vernon.

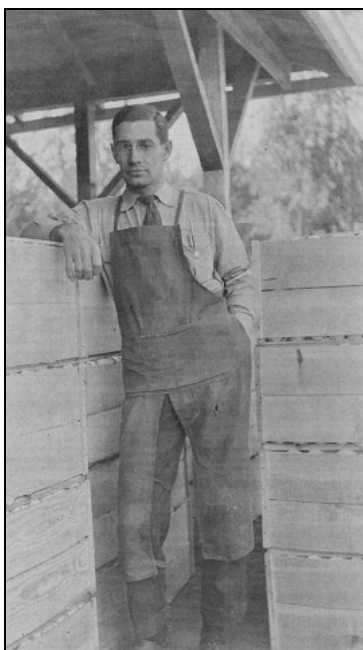
James Bain Muirhead and Marion Allan had three children:

1. **Robert Allan Muirhead:** born March 1892 in Pahiatua, New Zealand. No additional information has been located. [1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale County, Okanagan; Page 2; Family 20] [New Zealand, Birth Index, 1840-1950]

2. **James Muirhead:** born December 1, 1893 in Patea, New Zealand; died December 18, 1973 at Sidney, BC; married Sylvia Corbett on December 15, 1919 at Oak Bay, BC. [*New Zealand, Birth Index, 1840-1950*] [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13329, Registration #1973-09-017491*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11389, Registration #1919-09-196338*]

Sylvia Corbett: born February 26, 1897 in Swindon, Gloucestershire, England, daughter of John N. Corbett and Louisa E. Sheepway; died April 27, 1988 at Saanichton, BC. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17112, Registration #1988-09-007184*] [*Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11389, Registration #1919-09-196338*]

3. **Allan Muirhead:** born July 19, 1895 in New Zealand; died June 5, 1960 at Ewing's Landing, BC; buried in Vernon Cemetery, Vernon, BC; did not marry. [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13247, Registration #1960-09-007718*]



Allan Muirhead, shipping fruit, on the wharf at Fintry, BC, October 1917

Photo Credit: Thomas Landale, 2013

Allan Muirhead served in the First World War. According to his Canadian Attestation Papers, he was born at New Plymouth, New Zealand on July 23, 1895. He enlisted in Vancouver, BC on May 16, 1918 and reported that he was single, a farmer, Presbyterian, and had no previous military service. His military service number was 262603. His next of kin was his mother, residing at Ewing's Landing. [*Soldiers of the First World War*]

Allan Muirhead's obituary appeared in the Thursday, June 9, 1960 edition of the "Vernon News":

Muirhead — Passed away at his home in Ewing's Landing, Allan Muirhead. A resident of this district for 45 years. He is survived by his loving brother, James, of Saanichton, B.C. Funeral services for the late Allan Muirhead will be held from the Vernon Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, June 11, 1960, at 2 p.m. Rev. C.E. Bray will officiate. Interment to follow in the Vernon Cemetery. The Vernon Funeral Home Ltd. is in charge of arrangements.

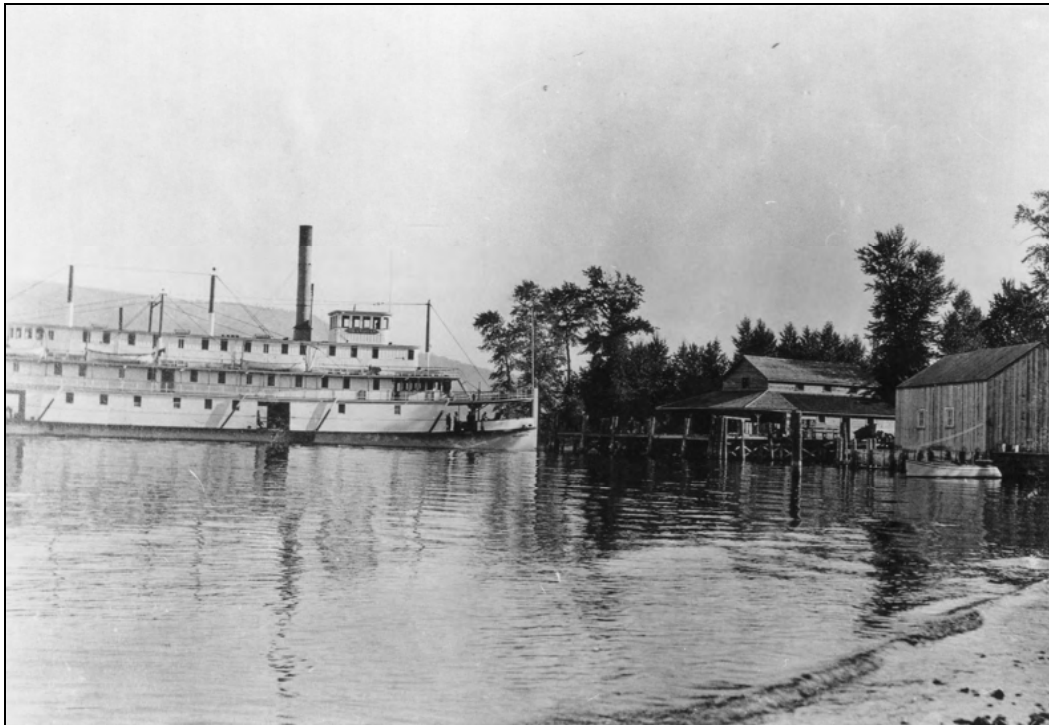
Marion Muirhead (nee Allan) died at Ewing's Landing, BC on April 4, 1946. Her son Allan Muirhead served as the undertaker and buried Marion's body on the family property at Ewing's Landing on April 6, 1946. No obituary has been located in either Vernon or Kelowna newspapers. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-005453]*

Thomas "Tommy" Landale grew up at Ewing's Landing and remembered the Muirhead family. Thomas Dow Landale, Tommy Landale's father arrived at Ewing's Landing in 1909. The Landale family, including children Thomas and Mary, lived at Ewing's Landing until the mid-1930s. *[Tommy Landale]*

In an interview with Bob Hayes on January 28, 2013, Tommy Landale said that the Muirhead property, four to five acres in size, was north of Fintry and about three miles south of Ewing's Landing. Their property was below the road and fronted on Okanagan Lake. He was not sure if the Muirhead house was still standing. The Muirheads had a small orchard and a packing house on the lake. Tommy Landale remembered going with his mother to have tea with Mrs. Muirhead. He recalled that she made very good cupcakes.

Tommy Landale also stated that there was a school at Ewing's Landing and Peter Lawrence had a store in that small community. Ewing's Landing was very isolated and was connected to the outside world mainly by the Canadian Pacific Railway lake steamers, the "SS Okanagan" and the "SS Sicamous", which were regularly scheduled to come to Ewing's Landing. Tommy Landale remembered the arrival of the "SS Sicamous" on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday was eagerly anticipated by residents of Ewing's Landing as this meant mail and supplies.

The "SS Sicamous" was the last of the three CPR Okanagan Lake steamers, the early two being the "SS Aberdeen" and the "SS Okanagan". *[Bob Hayes]*



"S.S. Okanagan" at Ewing's Landing, c1910

The buildings on the waterfront were fruit packing houses.

Photo Credit: Kelowna Public Archives, #6356

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Interviews

Interview (Bob Hayes) with Tommy Landale, January 28, 2013.

PESKETT, Keith Anthony: (1952 – 2009)

Location: This marker is located near Bear Creek Road on the west side of Okanagan Lake.

Transcription: In Memory of / Keith Anthony Peskett / Aug. 22, 1952 – Feb. 20, 2009
For to me, Living is Christ / and / Dying is Gain
We / miss / you / and / Champ

Biographical Information: A short obituary appeared on page A4 in the February 28, 2009 edition of the "Kelowna Courier: Okanagan Saturday":

PESKETT, KEITH JACOB

Passed away at the age of 56 on Feb. 20, 2009 in Bear Creek, Westbank.
Survived by Brothers, Sisters and Friends. Funeral Services will be held at
Peachland Baptist Church, 4204 Lake Ave, Peachland on Monday, March 2,
2009, 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Gospel Mission.

The previous week, a horseback rider reported the discovery of the body of a man in his fifties in a forested area at the north section of Bear Creek Road. Foul play was not suspected. [*"Kelowna Courier: Okanagan Sunday", February 22, 2009, page A2*]

The grave marker and the obituary show different middle names.

Sources

Grave marker transcribed and photographed by KDGS members

"Kelowna Courier: Okanagan Sunday", February 22, 2009, page A2 (Article: Body found in West Kelowna forested area)

"Kelowna Courier: Okanagan Saturday", February 28, 2009, page A4 (Obituary: Keith Jacob Peskett)



Grave marker



Marker is beside large tree

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, October 2012

Stocks Meadow

STOCKS, Philip: (1854 – 1916)

Location: This isolated grave is located off Bear Creek Road North on the west side of Okanagan Lake in the hills above Nahun.

Transcription: Rev. Philip STOCKS / Died July 31, 1916 / Aged 61 Years / Lord Remember Me

Biographical Information: Philip Stocks was born at Islington, London, England on November 7, 1854, son of Lumb Stocks and Ellen Fryer. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1916-09-207446]*

Philip Stocks and family were recorded in the 1861 England Census in Islington, Middlesex. *[1861 England Census: Class RG 9; Piece 151; Folio 11; GSU roll 542582; Middlesex, Islington; Page 25]*

Stocks, Lumb	48 years old	born Halifax, Yorkshire	historical engraver
Stocks, Ellen	47 years old	born St. Lukes, Middlesex	
Stocks, Herbert W	20 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	asst in ribbon warehouse
Stocks, Walter F	18 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	student in painting
Stocks, Kathrine M	16 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Arthur	14 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Edmund	13 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Fredrick	11 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Charles	9 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Phillip [Philip]	6 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	scholar
Stocks, Bernard O	2 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	
Smith, Martha	46 years old	born Halifax, Yorkshire	visitor, merchant's wife

Philip Stocks was well-educated and received his Theology Degree at Oxford University. He was a water colourist and a gifted musician. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Twenty-seventh Report. Vernon: Vernon News, 1963, page 106]*

In 1885, at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England, the Rev. Philip Stocks married Emily Frances Fisher, daughter of Edward Knapp Fisher and Emily Browning. Emily Frances Fisher had been born at Market Harborough on June 18, 1856. *[Free BMD] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-007234]*

Emily Frances Fisher, her parents, and brother were listed in the 1881 England Census. *[1881 England Census: Class RG11; Piece 3119; Folio 100; GSU roll 1341744; Great Bowden, Leicestershire; Page 26]*

Fisher, Edward Knapp	54 years old	born Erlestoke, Wiltshire	land agent, occupier of 1000 acres
Fisher, Emily	48 years old	born St. Johns St, London	
Fisher, Emily F.	24 years old	born Market Harborough	
Fisher, Edward	22 years old	born Market Harborough	
Goodchild, Susannah K.	52 years old	born Erlestoke, Wiltshire	sister
Goodchild, Ethel F.	22 years old	born Waltham, Essex	niece
Fisher, Alice	41 years old	born Greenwich, Kent	cousin, hospital superintendent
Woosnam, Caroline E.	32 years old	born Madras, East Indies	visitor

Philip Stocks was ordained at Peterborough Cathedral c1885. He served as Vicar at Great Bowden, St. Mary the Virgin at Ketton, and Twickenham, England. Philip and Emily Stocks were listed in the 1891 England Census in Ketton, County Rutland with their three sons – Lumb, Alfred, and Arthur. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Twenty-seventh Report. Vernon: Vernon News, 1963, page 106] [1891 England Census: Class RG12; Piece 2553; Folio 67; Ketton, Rutland; GSU roll 6097663; Page 1]*

Stocks, Philip	36 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	Vicar of Ketton
Stocks, Emily F	34 years old	born Mkt Harboro [Market Harborough]	
Stocks, Lumb	4 years old	born Gr. Bowden, Leicestershire	
Stocks, Alfred E	3 years old	born Gr. Bowden, Leicestershire	
Stocks, Arthur M B	10/12 years old	born Ketton, Rutland	

In 1901, Philip Stocks was a Church of England clergyman living with his wife Emily and daughters Mary Emily and Ellen in the Parish of St. Mary and Andrew of Ridlington, County Rutland. Lumb, Alfred Edward, and Arthur Michael Browning Stocks were away at school. *[1901 England Census: Class RG13; Piece 3016; Folio 103; Rutland, Ridlington; Page 8]* *[1901 England Census: Class RG13; Piece 990; Folio 67; Hampshire, Portsmouth; Page 8]* *[1901 England Census: Class RG13; Piece 820; Folio 62; Kent, Westgate on Sea; Page 53]* *[1901 England Census: Class RG13; Piece 3015; Folio 39; Rutland, Oakham; Page 7]*

Stocks, Philip	36 years old	born Islington, Middlesex	clergyman
Stocks, Emily F	34 years old	born Mkt Harboro	
Stocks, Mary E	7 years old	born Ketton, Rutland	
Stocks, Ellen	4 years old	born Ketton, Rutland	

Sometime after 1901, Philip Stocks moved to Belgium where he served in the Church of the Resurrection in Brussels. During their years in Belgium, the Stocks family became friends with Edith Cavell, a British nurse, who was executed by a German firing squad on October 12, 1915. *[Okanagan Historical Society. Twenty-seventh Report. Vernon: Vernon News, 1963, page 106]* *[Wheeler, Harold, ed. The Story of Seventy Momentous Years – The Life and Times of King George V, 1865 – 1936. London: Odhams Press Ltd., page 85]*

The following article appeared on page 5 of the Thursday, November 4, 1915 edition of the Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist:

It is interesting to hear that the late Nurse [Edith] Cavell was an intimate friend for several years of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Stocks and family while living in Brussels, from which city Mr. Stocks came to Kelowna. Miss Ellen Stocks was nursed through an illness by Nurse Cavell and the whole family have been deeply moved by the tragic and sad end of a life devoted to service for others.

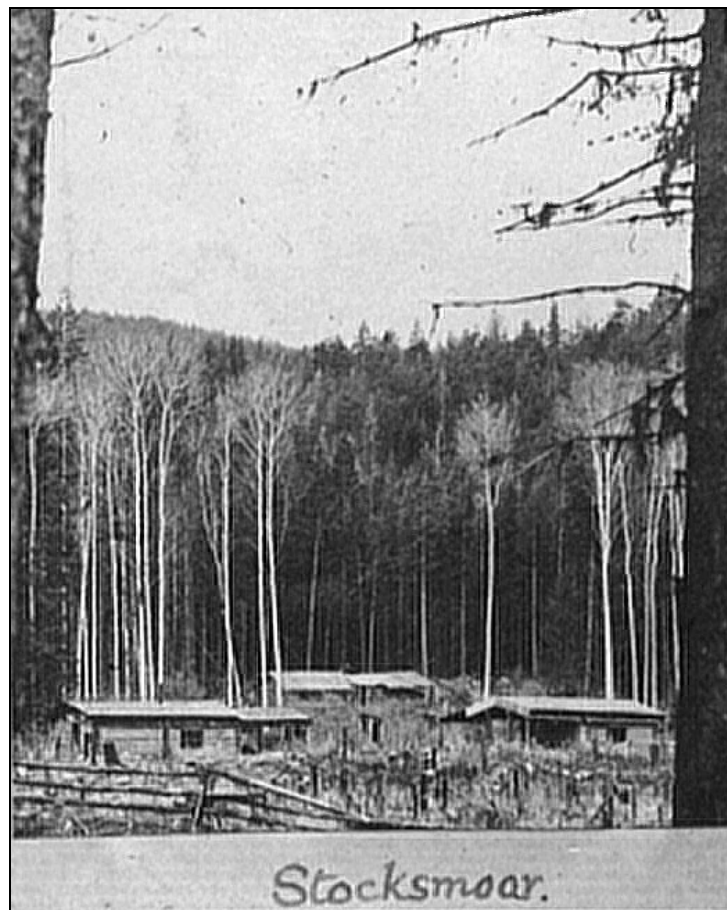
A telephone conversation with Philip Moubray on November 14, 2015 confirmed that Nurse Edith Cavell was a friend of the Stocks family and that they met in Belgium. Phil Moubray knew of no additional details and was not aware that his mother, Ellen Moubray (nee Stocks), had been cared for by Edith Cavell. *[Telephone interview (Bob Hayes) with Philip Moubray, November 14, 2015]*

Between 1905 and 1910, Lumb, Alfred, and Arthur Stocks came to the Central Okanagan. According to the 1911 Canada Census, Alfred immigrated in 1905, Arthur in 1908, and Lumb in 1910. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Coldstream; Page 4; Family 40]* *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Mission; Page 25; Family 258]* *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Naramata; Page 30]*

In the 1911 Canada Census, Lumb Stocks was a lodger in the home of Stephen Freeman in Coldstream district near Vernon. Stocks was an Anglican clergyman, born January 1887 in England, and immigrated to Canada in 1910. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Coldstream; Page 4; Family 40]*

Alfred Edward Stocks, in the 1911 Canada Census, was working as a pile driver for the railway (Kettle Valley Railway) and living in Naramata, BC. He was Anglican, born March 1888 in England, and immigrated to Canada in 1905. Alfred Stocks was a boarder in the household of Ralph Hornsey. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Naramata; Page 30]*

In the 1911 Canada Census, Arthur Michael Browning Stocks was working as a labourer in Glenmore, BC. He was Anglican, born in England in June 1889, and immigrated to Canada in 1908. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Okanagan, Mission; Page 25; Family 258]*



Buildings at Stocks Meadows, undated

Photo Credit: Eleanor Geen: John Brixton album, 2015

Philip and Emily Stocks and daughters Mary Emily and Ellen came to the Okanagan in 1914. Ellen and her parents travelled together and landed in Quebec City on November 15, 1914. [*"Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, November 26, 1914, page 5*] [Phillip Moubray] [*Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865 - 1935*]

The following article appeared in the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, November 26, 1914, page 5:

The Rev. Philip Stocks, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived by the "Sicamous" on Monday afternoon [November 23], and were joyfully met by the other members of the family who have been residing in the city and neighbourhood for some time. The Rev. Mr. Stocks held the chaplaincy of the Church of the Resurrection in Brussels until after the commencement of the war, when through a break down in health he was obliged to resign his position. It was then but natural that he should come to Kelowna and effect a family re-union. Although Mr. Stocks was so weak that he had to be carried off the boat, yet there is little reason to believe that a few weeks of complete rest, both mentally and physically, will thoroughly restore him to perfect health.

The Stocks family spent the winter of 1914 - 1915 in Kelowna and the following spring moved to their recently-built cabin, "Stocksmoor", at Nahun on the west side of Okanagan Lake. Philip Stocks conducted Church of England services in the area. [*Okanagan Historical Society. Twenty-seventh Report. Vernon: Vernon News, 1963, pages 109, 111*]



Rev. Philip and Emily Stocks, c1915
Home at Stocksmoor, Nahun, BC

Photo Credit: Philip Moubray, 02 March 2014



Lumb, Emily, Arthur (standing), and Alfred Stocks, c1915
Home at Stocksmoor, Nahun, BC

Photo Credit: Philip Moubray, 02 March 2014

Philip Stocks and Emily Frances Fisher had five children:

1. **Lumb Stocks:** (named for his paternal grandfather) born January 25, 1887 at Great Bowden Vicarage, Leicestershire, England; died January 27, 1949 at White Rock, BC; married Marion Inez Bourne on May 20, 1915 at Kelowna. The marriage ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father, the Reverend Philip Stocks. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13199, Registration #1949-09-001770] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1915-09-143488]*

Marion Inez Bourne: born June 1894 in London, England, daughter of John Charles Bourne and Inez Roe; died December 1, 1974 in Penticton, BC. *[Free BMD] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13338, Registration #1974-09-018189] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1915-09-143488]*

2. **Alfred Edward Stocks:** born March 29, 1888 at Great Bowden Vicarage, Leicestershire, England; died November 10, 1922 in Secondini, Gold Coast Colony (Ghana, Africa); married Olive Beryl Crosbey-Spratt before November 30, 1920. *[Philip Moubray] [England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858 - 1966] [Commonwealth War Graves Commission] [Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) Officers, 1939 - 1945] [UK, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878 - 1960] [Free BMD]*

Olive Beryl Crosbey-Spratt: born c1890; died August 1, 1959 in Middlesex, England. *[Free BMD] [England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858 - 1966]*

3. **Arthur Michael Browning Stocks:** born June 27, 1890 at Ketton, Rutland, England; died August 29, 1978 at Penticton, BC; married 1) Norah Mabel Gaze in 1917 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England 2) Isobel Riddihough on April 4, 1928 in Penticton, BC 3) Mildred Frances Etkins in 1946 in Gloucestershire, England. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13588, Registration #1978-09-013546] [Free BMD] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13756, Registration #1928-09-342482] [Free BMD]*

Nora Mabel Gaze: born January 16, 1892 in Stroud, Gloucestershire, England; died November 19, 1922 in Penticton, BC. *[Free BMD] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13121, Registration #1922-09-306648]*

Isobel Riddihough: born April 6, 1901 in England, daughter of Thomas Henry Riddihough and Annie Isobel Armstrong; died March 8, 1940 in Penticton, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13167, Registration #1940-09-570898] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13756, Registration #1928-09-342482]

Mildred Frances Etkins: born September 15, 1895 South Hamlet, Gloucestershire, England; baptized October 16, 1895 in Gloucestershire, daughter of William James Etkins and Frances Annie Palmer; died December 9, 1985 in Penticton, BC. [Gloucestershire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1913] [Free BMD] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B16577, Registration #1985-09-020607]

4. **Mary Emily (May) Stocks:** born September 20, 1893 at Ketton, Rutland, England; died September 2, 1989 at Kamloops, BC; married Bertram Gray on April 11, 1928 at Vancouver, BC. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13755, Registration #1928-09-334367] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B17137, Registration #1989-09-015216]

Bertram Gray: born March 31, 1883 in Tyrone, Ireland, son of John Stewart Gray and Grace Elizabeth Henderson; died May 15, 1978 at Kamloops, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13585, Registration #1978-09-007736] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13755, Registration #1928-09-334367]

5. **Ellen Stocks:** born June 17, 1896 at Ketton, Rutland, England; died November 21, 1969 at Kelowna; married George Henry Moubray on April 26, 1916 at Stocksmoor, Nahun, BC. The marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's father Philip Stocks. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182053] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13300, Registration #1969-09-016254]

George Henry Moubray: born September 13, 1892 at Jacksonville, Florida, son of Arthur Rolland Moubray and Louisa Anna Russell; died August 8, 1950 at Glenmore, now part of Kelowna, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13205, Registration #1950-09-008568] [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11388, Registration #1916-09-182053]



Members of the Moubray and Stocks families, Kelowna, c1916

Back row: Bernard or Russell Moubray, Ellen Moubray (nee Stocks), Philip Stocks, George Moubray
Front row: Louisa Moubray, Emily Stocks, Mrs. Russell (grandmother of George Moubray), Gladys Moubray

Photo Credit: Philip Moubray, 02 March 2014



Back row: Emily Frances (nee Fisher) and Rev. Philip Stocks
Front row: Arthur, Lumb, and Alfred Stocks; undated

Photo Credit: Philip Moubray, 2014

Philip Stocks died of a heart attack July 31, 1916 age 61 at Stocksmoor, Nahun, BC. He was buried near his home at Stocksmoor on August 2, 1916. Dr. W.J. Knox of Kelowna, who signed Philip Stocks' BC Death Registration, added the following information: "Living in an inaccessible place his [Philip Stocks'] coffin was made by sons & neighbors & carried to Stocksmoor in the mountains above Nahun B.C. nothing but a foot & horse trail place." [*Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13112, Registration #1916-09-207446*]

The obituary for the Rev. Philip Stocks appeared in the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", Thursday, August 3, 1916, page 3:

Rev. Philip Stocks

The death occurred at Nahun on Monday last of the Rev. Philip Stocks, aged 61, who passed peacefully away in the night as the result of long standing heart trouble. The deceased was buried at Nahun on Wednesday.

The Rev. P. Stocks came from London to Kelowna, in September [November], 1914, to join his sons, all of whom were at that time in the Okanagan. Prior to his residence here, the deceased was chaplain at the English Church at Brussels, which he left on account of bad health just prior to the beginning of hostilities. He leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

The family of the deceased wish to take this opportunity of thanking their friends for the many kind enquiries and words of sympathy which have been expressed.

The grave of Reverend Philip Stocks is clearly marked with a granite cross set on a granite base. There is lead lettering on the cross and a pole fence surrounding the grave. In 2015, repair work was done to the fence which had been damaged by a falling tree but which left the grave marker undamaged. [*Bob Hayes*]



Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 21 November 2009



Photo Credit: Philip Moubray, September 1993

At the time of the 1921 Canada Census, members of the Stocks family – Emily, Mary Emily, Lumb, and Arthur – were living in the Penticton area. Ellen had married and was living in Glenmore.

Emily Stocks was living with her daughter Mary Emily Stocks on Charles Avenue in Penticton. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Greenwood; Page 5]*

Stocks, Emily Frances	65 years old	born England immigrated 1914	nurse
Stocks, Mary Emily	28 years old	born England immigrated 1914	nurse

Lumb Stocks and his family were also living in Penticton on Van Horne Street. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Greenwood; Page 10]*

Stocks, Lumb	34 years old	born England immigrated 1910	photographer
Stocks, Marion Inez	26 years old	born England immigrated 1915	
Stocks, Peter Alfred	5 years old	born BC	
Stocks, Beryl Frances	3 years old	born BC	

Arthur Stocks, his first wife Mabel, and family were also in Penticton living on Penticton Avenue. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, Greenwood; Page 35]*

Stocks, Arthur	30 years old	born England immigrated 1908	farmer
Stocks, Mabel	28 years old	born England immigrated 1918	
Stocks, Jeffrey Micheal	2 years old	born BC	
Stocks, Richard Browning	2/12 years old	born BC	

Ellen and her husband George Moubray and children were living in Glenmore. *[1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale, South Okanagan; Page 3]*

Moubray, George	28 years old	born USA immigrated 1912	farmer
Moubray, Ellen	24 years old	born England immigrated 1914	
Moubray, Philip	4 years old	born BC	
Moubray, Cyril	2 years old	born BC	
Moubray, Barbara	6/12 years old	born BC	

Alfred, the other son of Philip and Emily Stocks, did not return to Canada after the First World War. He is found on several passenger lists on ships travelling between England and the Gold Coast of Africa. Alfred Stocks was a captain in the service of the Colonial Government and was working in Africa in Gold Coast Colony. He had married before November 30, 1920 and had a son Alfred Edward Stocks whose birth was registered in early 1923. This son died on October 22, 1943, age 20, in the Second World War when his ship was mined. *[UK, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890 - 1960] [UK, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878 - 1960] [Commonwealth War Graves Commission] [Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) Officers 1939 - 1945]*

Emily Frances Stocks (nee Fisher) died May 1, 1946 at North Kamloops, BC age 89. She was buried at Penticton, BC. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13190, Registration #1946-09-007234]*

The following obituary appeared in the Thursday, May 9, 1946 edition of the "Kelowna Courier", page 9:

Mrs. Emily F. Stocks

Mrs. Emily F. Stocks, 90 years of age, widow of the late Rev. P. Stocks, died in Kamloops recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. Gray.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters, Lumb and Arthur, Penticton, Mrs. Bert Gray and Mrs. George Moubray, of Kelowna; also 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren and two sisters in England.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at St. Saviour's Church, Penticton, Rev. W.S. Beames and Canon W.P. Barrett officiating. Interment followed in the Lake View cemetery [Penticton].

The following article, written by Arthur M. B. Stocks, appeared on pages 53 to 60 of the Thirty-first Report of the Okanagan Historical Society. It describes, in detail, pioneer life on the west side of Okanagan Lake. It is included in full with the permission of the Okanagan Historical Society. Okanagan historian Eric D. Sismey provided the introduction.

West Side Settlement
The Personal Narrative of Arthur M. B. Stocks

The floating bridge over Okanagan Lake does more than bisect the lake, it separated two worlds.

From Westbank a paved road [Highway 97] turns south down the west side through orchard, village and city to stretch a thousand miles to end in California.

North, along the western shore there is a gravel road [Westside Road], not a good one, used by logging trucks, an occasional adventurer and during the summer months to serve scattered lakeside cottages. But it was not always like this.

At the turn of the [20th] century, until the outbreak of the first war, in 1914, many young men, and Arthur Stocks was among them, came from the Old Country [England] to pre-empt along the west side of the lake, sometimes quite high in the hills.

There was no road, but the sternwheel steamers Aberdeen and Okanagan served landings whose very names have almost been forgotten. Beginning at Okanagan Landing along the west side of the lake were; Whiteman's, Killeny [Killiney], Morden's (now Ewing's), Bruve's [Bruce's], Short's (now Fintry), Caesar's, Reid's, Stukey's (a former wooding landing for the Aberdeen), and Bear Creek.

With the outbreak of the war [1914] the young men left to a man, some are remembered on the cenotaph at Kelowna [in City Park], but many who returned to the Old Country were never heard from again.

Whether this influx of young men to the west side was ill advised, whether the pre-emptions high in the hills offered the remotest hope of being developed into producing farms is quite beside the point. The young men came, they took up land, built cabins and trails, fenced and cleared a bit of land, found odd jobs in Kelowna and Vernon during the summer. Winters were spent at their cabins where they hunted, trapped, fished and enjoyed their youth until the day their country called. Then they dropped everything, just walked away, most of them never came back.

While everything south of the floating bridge has flourished the other west side settlements faded away. This chapter of Okanagan Valley history should be recorded, before it is too late, by one who lived through those days. And that is Arthur Stocks' story. Editorial Introduction – E.D.S. [Eric Deane Sismey]

I [Arthur Michael Browning Stocks] was born on June 27, 1890 at Ketton Vicarage, in the county of Rutland, England. My father, the Reverend Philip Stocks, was the vicar of Ketton cum Tixover church which dated back to 1283.

Boyhood memories include watching a man carrying a red flag walking in front of a steam roller repairing the village street; seeing Shakespeare's 'Tempest' at His Majesty's Theatre, London, in which Sir Henry Irving played the leading part and attending a children's party, given by the Bishop of London, Winnington Ingram, at Fulham Palace.

After conventional British boarding schools I attended Neuenheim College in Heidelberg, Germany. When schooling was done I was articled to a tea broker to learn the tea trade and not finding this to my taste I tried engineering.

London did not agree with me, either in body or spirit. I was country bred, accustomed to England's countryside. I prevailed on my father to allow me to join my brother, Alfred, whose tales of western Canada excited me. There was land, he said, for the asking, 160 acres could be staked and after certain work and improvements had been done over a period of years the land could become one's own.



A camp in the woods, undated

Alfred Stocks is the man on the right.

Photo Credit: Eleanor Geen: John Brixton album, 2015

It was an exciting thought, but without awareness of the realities of clearing land, erecting a habitable building, fencing and putting part into production. And to make these necessary improvements from whence did the money come?

I sailed from Liverpool on the steamer 'Empress of Ireland' in December, 1908. After a rough Atlantic passage, train across Canada, a slow mixed train from Sicamous to Okanagan Landing where I arrived the day before Christmas. At the landing I boarded the sternwheeler Aberdeen for the voyage to Nahun. Leaving Okanagan Landing the sternwheeler Aberdeen criss-crossed the lake to disembark a passenger, to leave packages, mail sacks, boxes and large stone

jugs at nearly every wharf. And it was not long before I learned more about the contents of those crocks.

There was a man and a dog in the creaky wharf at Nahun. The sight did not impress me. It was cold, snowing, and I began to wonder what I was getting into. The man greeted me, introduced himself as H.B. Kenard [Howard Bruce Kennard]. He told me my brother would be down in the morning and in the meantime I was to stay with him. He, I was soon to learn, was storekeeper, postmaster, in fact general factotum, councillor and good friend to everybody. The son of an English parson he had come from Iowa to prospect.

So this was the Okanagan. It was Christmas Eve, snowing and blowing, the lake and the sky the color of lead; the land smothered in white. My thoughts strayed back to England, to the merriment, to the carol singers in my home village. And even a dram from the stone jug, which contained Hudson's Bay rum, did nothing to raise my spirits. I was home-sick.

It was still snowing, still blowing, on Christmas Day, the lake was rough, ice was piled in windrows along the beach. At mid morning my brother, Alfred, with two companions, came kicking through the snow down from their hillside home which was nearly 2000 feet above the lake. My brother's arrival brightened things a bit and after a good bachelor Christmas dinner, spiked with buttered rums, we started back through the snow. It was a two hour climb.

When I look back to that first Christmas Day in Canada, nearly sixty years ago, I remember it as the toughest day of my life. I was soft, I had never carried a pack, and even though mine was only half the weight the others carried, even though the trail was broken, I felt sure I would never reach to top. It gets dark early in winter, earlier still when it is snowing, and before the cabin was reached my companions were striking matches to find the blazed trees which marked the trail.

But we reached shelter, after an eternity, I thought. It was a haven after that killing climb, it was home for Alfred and for me and our companions – Jenkins [Edward George Jenkins] and W.R. Tozer [William Arthur Reginald Tozer] for the rest of the winter.

The cabin was not very large; it was about 14 x 18. The furnishings, except for a large sheet iron stove, were primitive. My bed was a spring cot, my mattress a folded tent. Our food store, though ample, was without great variety: sugar, flour, rolled oats, rice, canned milk, jams, beans, of course, and bacon. We baked good sourdough bread and breakfast hot cakes were made from sourdough batter. For meat we shot deer and grouse.

We had lots of wood. For exercise, amusement too, we were always cutting more. But wood in quantity was needed for even though the cabin was well built, as cabins go, it took lots of wood to offset below zero temperatures outside. On one occasion the mercury fell to 32 below [Fahrenheit]. Water was fetched from a nearby creek a bucket in one hand, an axe to chop a hole in the ice in the other.

The old Hudson's Bay Fur Brigade trail passed close to our cabin and since it ran north and south it served as a guide on my hunting trips. I would go west and return east so as to strike the trail. But I did get lost once after it started to snow so I lit a fire, built a lean-to and when it cleared I found direction by the North star and struck the trail close to a friend's cabin. He cooked a good deer steak for me which went down well after my 24 hour fast.

We had a trap line, my brother and I, we followed it once a week, and along with weasel, skunks, we took an occasional marten and lynx.

Another activity in a nearby cedar swamp was splitting cedar shakes and rails for the buildings we intended to erect. Our mongrel dog, Joe, a constant companion, was as smart a dog as I have ever known. When we called 'TIMBER' he would look to see which way the tree was going to fall. On one occasion Alfred left Joe at the cabin when he left for work at Kelowna. Joe would have none of this, he boarded the Aberdeen, unseen, landed at Kelowna and when Alf came back from work Joe was asleep on his blankets.

When I went down to Nahun for our mail I often called on Sam Lister for a bit of a visit, sometimes a cup of tea. Sam had a cabin about a mile north of the landing. One day when he was hunting, a sudden storm blew up, he became lost and his matches wet. I was among those who went to look for him. He was found [January 1909] after several days about twelve miles south of the landing on his hands and knees. At the Kelowna hospital both feet were amputated. Another man, ?? [Beauchamp Bayntum] Starkey, lived about two miles from us was out in zero weather. On our way to Nahun somebody asked, "Have you seen Starkey?" We began to look, we found his tracks in the snow which ended in a gully into which he had fallen, he had tried to claw his way out, he failed, we found him frozen stiff. He was buried at Kelowna [January 6, 1912]. The following summer his old mother came out from Eglad [England] to see where her son had been laid. These tragedies brought home to us that winter and winter storms should never be treated lightly.

In 1909 I was given a letter of introduction to the Reverend Thomas Greene who kindly invited me to stay with them at Kelowna.

Shortly after the Easter Anglican service in the little wooden church I found a job planting potatoes at the Mission, my partner was a Chinaman, complete with pigtailed. After that job was done I went back to Kelowna where I met a man who offered to take me back up the lake to Nahun. The lake was rough the day we sailed and the man was very drunk, but we made it. After a few days at Nahun I went to Vernon where I camped beside the creek and lived for \$8.00 a month while looking for a job. On Saturday nights I listened to the Salvation Army band or sometimes went to a movie; they were silent then. I found a job at Lavington where a large barn was being built and from there back to Vernon where I worked in a brickyard about a mile from town. My job was handling wet bricks before they were fired in the kiln. My brother, Alfred, was working at Vernon too, he was a hodcarrier at the new Bank of Montreal building. One morning, on reaching town, I saw the smoking ashes of the Okanagan Hotel where eleven people had been burned to death the night before. After the brickyard job I drove team on the John Kidston ranch. During the summer, 1909, my teeth needed attention so I went to Dr. Macdonald who was later the Provincial Minister of Agriculture.

The spring of 1911 came early. It was good to get down from the homestead even though it meant the beginning of long hard work days, that was after finding a job. But it was good to get my feet in leather boots after winter-wear of rubbers. My first job was on the K.L.O. loading rocks from a young orchard to wagons. So through the summer from one job around Kelowna to another and when winter was in the offing it was back to the pre-emption again.

Before the heavy snows came we improved our place by the addition of another cabin with a screened porch and a ship-lap floor which was easier to sweep than

a floor chinked with moss then covered with dirt for insulation, and over all more smaller logs covered with split cedar shakes. This cabin was very snug and easy to keep warm.

After a summer away from the cabin there was always a clean-up job to do. Bush rats always took over during our absence, they chewed everything they could get at, even the leather cover of my christening Bible. My brother and I had bunks at one end and as we lay reading with a lamp between, my brother was in the habit of keeping a .22 rifle beside him and once when a bush rat appeared he shot. The bullet glanced off one of the logs to come down on my bed. After that we used traps.

We had a team now, each about 1250 pounds and with them we moved a disc harrow, two tons of baled hay, lumber and a stump puller up the hill. By the time deep winter came we were well prepared. There was a good stock of staples in the larder, vegetables in the root cellar and three fat bucks hanging in the meat house.

We enjoyed winters at the cabin. After the chores, and the rounds of the trap line we often just snowshoed along the old Brigade trail. I liked to hear the trees cracking in the extreme cold, coyotes yelping at the approach of a storm and the big horned owls calling to each other which sounded like "Who cooks for you."

During the early months of 1912 I made a trip to the Old Country and visited my parents in Brussels. While I was there I was introduced to Nurse Edith Cavell who was murdered when the Kaiser's troops occupied the city.

1912 and 1913 summers followed the usual pattern, odd jobs wherever they could be found, mostly around Kelowna, and when fall came it was back to the pre-emption again. Among our visitors we especially enjoyed Major Alan Brooks, D.S.O. internationally known ornithologist and artist and with him J.A. Munro, Chief Migratory Bird Officer, usually came. We enjoyed watching him call up Pygmy Owls and prepare birds for the Victoria Museum.

There was one incident, a part of Okanagan history, in which I took a silent part. Hired to drive team out Black Mountain way I found on arrival there was no place to sleep, the bunk house was full. I asked a young fellow for suggestions and he invited me share his tent. When my partner, [Walter] Boyd James, undressed he pulled a revolver from his belt and tucked it under his pillow. This was a daily routine. Just before cold weather James quit, he held up a store at [Okanagan] Mission. Later he was caught at Penticton and sentenced. On March 19, 1912, when Constable G.H. [Geoffrey Haredale] Aston was taking him to Kamloops aboard the S.S. Okanagan he drew a concealed pistol and killed the police officer. The shot passed unnoticed. James left the ship at Peachland. When the crime was discovered posses were organized and James was finally captured by two west-siders, [R.D.] Ramsay and [Percy H.L.] Seeley. James was taken to Kamloops and was hanged [August 9, 1912] after conviction.

During the spring and summer of 1914 my brother and I found jobs in orchards but as summer advanced the clouds of red war threatened and when war came in August 1914 my parents were forced to flee from Brussels. Since my father's health was failing they decided to come to British Columbia (see O.H.S., 27th report, page 106 et seq.)

Soon after the outbreak of war my brother, Alfred, accepted a commission in the Royal Navy: he left Canada never to return.



Alfred Stocks in his Royal Navy uniform, c1916

Photo Credit: Eleanor Geen: John Brixton album, 2015

After my father died in 1916 I joined the forces, enlisting at Vernon, and after nearly two years in France and Belgium I returned to Penticton to engage in fruit growing and to retirement in 1964.

The war brought the end to the west side chapter of Okanagan history; a chapter unique in the history of Canada. And while the tale is my own almost any other west side name could well be substituted. Starry eyed youth, and some of middle age, took up land where there was little hope of economic success. Had the war not come they would have drifted away, more slowly perhaps, but would have drifted away nevertheless. Probably war furnished an immediate reason. It offered opportunity to exchange happy-go-lucky frontier life for regimented, harsh, cruel excitement where the stakes were life itself.

Today the west side has changed but little from those early days.

Cabins we built have fallen, land we cleared is overgrown and trees have invaded the ground where my father lies buried.

The lake [Okanagan] itself is deserted. There are no sternwheeler steamer whistles to herald their coming and summon pre-emptors [pre-emptors] down from their cabins in the hills.

Since this is a part of Okanagan history in which I took a part it would seem fitting that the names of those who were the real west-siders be written down.

Possibly I am the only one who can still remember.

These are the names of west side residents, 1908 – 1914, between Wilson's Landing and Short's Point – now called Fintry.

At that time, among a society predominantly English, first names were rarely used or even known. We called each other by our surnames, except in the case of brother.

Batchelor, killed in 1st war, English; Ball, small farm, English; Brixton, South African war, English; Browse, Postmaster, Wilson's, English; Critchley, pre-emption, English; Cheeseman [Cheesman], small farm, English; Concannon, English [Australian]; Dundas, Short's Point, English [Scottish]; Dunwaters [Dun Waters], Short's Point, Scottish; Ellis, pre-emption, English.

Goodacres, farm, English; Horner, pre-emption, English; Jenkins, mining investor, English; Kenard [Kennard], H.B., postmaster, storekeeper, prospector, English; Legge, killed 1st war, English; Lister S., pre-emption, English; Love, U.S. Civil War veteran, United States; Macalister, pre-emption, English; Meingis [Meugens], English; MacNair, Boat builder, English; Millar Bros., English; O'Marney, Irish; Perrin, English; Powell Bros., English; Redsull Sr., P & O Steamships 40 years, English; Rudsull [Redsull], E., South African War, English; Seeley, captured Boyd James, English; Starkey, English; Somerset Bros., pre-emption (one killed in 1st war), English; Stocks Bros., pre-emption, English; Sugars, Oxford scholar, English; Tozer, English; Vaughan, killed 1st war, English; Wilson, of Wilson's Landing, English.

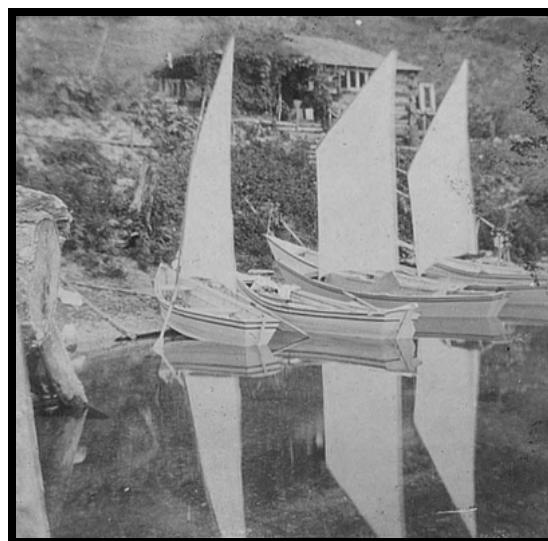
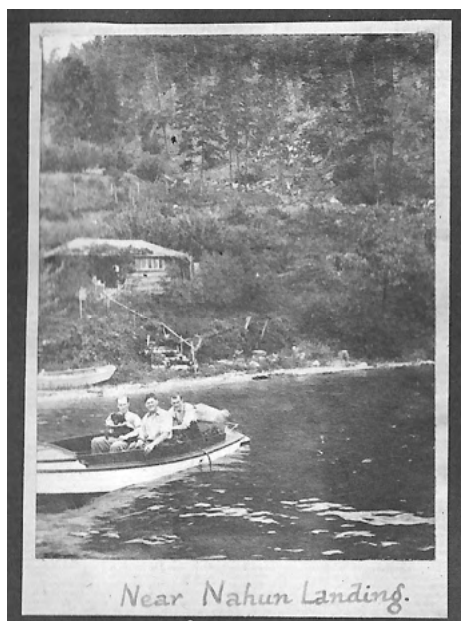
In addition to the forty Westsiders named above there were ten women.



Westside residents, undated

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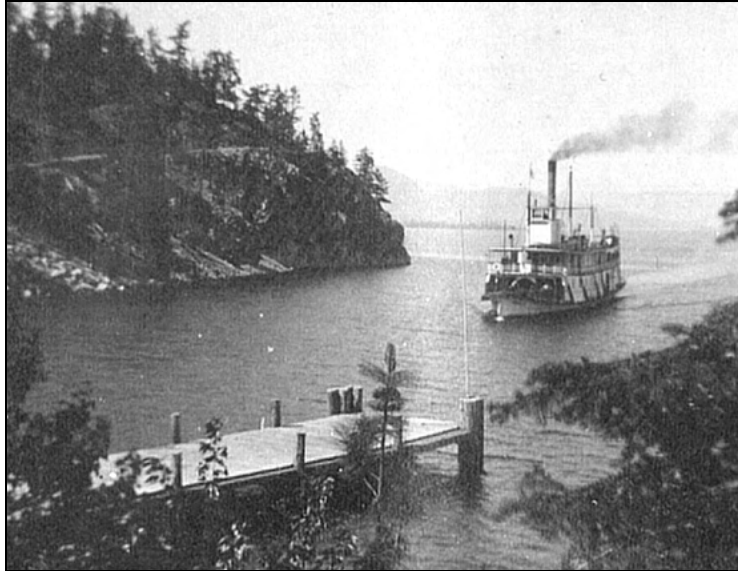
And in closing the list a Thank You and pleasant sailing is extended to Captain George Estabrooks and Captain Joe. Weeks together with the crews of the sternwheel Aberdeen and Okanagan who did so much to make our life on the west side pleasant and comfortable.



Nahun, BC; undated
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Dock at Nahun, undated
Photo Credit: Eleanor Geen: John Brixton album, 2015



"S.S. Okanagan" at Nahun, undated

Photo Credit: Eleanor Geen: John Brixton album, 2015

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Reverend Philip Stocks' grave at Stocksmoor, BC

Photo Credit: Carolin Robertson, 21 November 2009

At Stocks Meadow there is possibly a second grave of more recent vintage. It is outlined with field stones but has no marker and it is not within the fenced grave area. According to Philip Moubray, grandson of Philip Stocks, if there is a person buried in a second grave, it is not a member of the Stocks family. From the 1970s until the early 1990s there was a commune situated near this remote burial site at Stocks Meadow and possibly a member of this community was buried at Stocks Meadow.

STRANG, Mary Eliza: (1844 – 1902)

Location: This grave is probably located somewhere near the present-day Westbank townsite.
[Gellatly, Dorothy Hewlett. *A Bit of Okanagan History*. Kelowna: Ehmann Printing, 1983, page 24]

Transcription: There is probably no marker on the grave.

Biographical Information: Very little information has been found about Mary Eliza (Eliza Mary) Strang. Her maiden name is not known. According to the 1901 Canada Census, Mary Eliza Strang was born in rural Ontario on March 15, 1844. Mary Eliza Strang died in Westbank on November 4, 1902. She had at least one child, Dare Stanley Strang, sometimes known as Dave, David or S. Dare Strang. [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 37] [British Columbia Probate File: GR-1472 County Court (Vernon): Mary Eliza Strang, B09598 18/1902, November - December 1902]

Dare Stanley Strang stated on his 1912 BC Marriage Registration that he was 39 years old and born in Idaho Springs, Colorado and his parents were Romeo David and Mary Eliza Strang. [Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1912-09-139516]

There is a Mary E. Strang listed in the 1900 US Census in Yavapai, Arizona Territory who was born in French Canada in March 1846. Her parents were also born in French Canada. Mary E. Strang immigrated to the United States in 1891. She was widowed and had had three children of whom only one was still living. Mary E. Strang was a lodger and listed as a nurse in a household with three small children. This is possibly the Mary Eliza Strang who came to Westbank. [1900 US Census: Arizona Territory, Yavapai, Prescott City; Sheet 12A, Family 281]

The death of a Romeo D. Strang on July 18, 1915 has been found in Jackson, Oregon. There was a R.D. Strang in the 1900 US Census in Applegate, Jackson, Oregon. He was born April 1836 in New York State. His parents were both born in New York State. R.D. Strang was married in 1872 and had been married 28 years but was listed as widowed. [Oregon, Death Index, 1898 - 2008] [1900 US Census: Oregon, Jackson, Applegate; Roll 1347; FHL 1241347; Page 6B]

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....David Strang and his mother appear to have been the first pre-emptors west of Powers Creek [present-day Glenrosa, now part of District of West Kelowna], both having recorded pre-emptions during 1900, as follows: David S. Strang, PR 3191, June 15, 1900, and two undated lots, PR 4718 and 2010. Mary E. Strang, PR 3352, November 11, 1900. (Crown Grant issued to Dave S. Strang.) There was a lapse of three years before the next pre-emption was recorded, this time by Lewis D. Hitchner who, on October 7, 1903, filed on PR 4156, Lot 4383, followed on October 31, 1904, by W. Curtis Hitchner, L.D.'s brother, Lot No. 3864, PR 4580. Thus did settlement begin at Glenrosa....

In 1901, Mary Eliza Strang and her son Dare Stanley Strang were living at or near Westbank, BC.
[1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 37]

Strang, S. Dare	head	born July 16, 1872	USA	immigrated 1898	Methodist	farmer
Strang, E. Mary	mother	born March 15, 1848	rural Ontario		Methodist	

More information about the Strang family appears in A Bit of Okanagan History, page 24:

Of early families who pre-empted land on the west-side, there's a partial list at the end of this book, giving names, dates and other particulars. Two mentioned in that list who took up land at what was to become Glenrosa, were David S. Strang [Dare Stanley Strang] and his mother, Mary Strang, and according to the

record it was the son who finally proved upon his mother's pre-emption. Adjoining each other, those lots were known to us for years as "Strang's Flats."

Mr. Strang, having gained the reputation of being something of an eccentric, even before we [the Hewlett family] arrived in Westbank, it followed quite naturally that many were the tales we heard of his strange ways which, true or not, fascinated the young generation, and we eyed this man with the golden hair and beard, and intense blue eyes with something akin to awe. Harking back, I'm inclined to think he was really a gentle soul: certainly he was the soul of goodness to his mother, who was an invalid requiring constant care. On at least one occasion when he felt she could not be left alone, the son, unable to hunt for their winter's supply of "mowich" (the Indian name for venison), was said to have salted down a colt for their use.

When finally Mary Strang died, there wasn't money enough for a coffin, so the neighbours rallied around and managed to subscribe the required amount, which couldn't have been easy for them, either. The money collected, one of the men drove many miles to buy – and deliver – the casket. There's no record of where Mary Strang was buried: perhaps on her own land, and it may have been her death that later prompted Mr. Marshall to call the settlers together to choose the cemetery site they did.

Mary Eliza Strang died at Westbank, BC on November 4, 1902. She was about 58 years old and was survived by her son Dare Strang. [*British Columbia Probate File: GR-1472 County Court (Vernon): Mary Eliza Strang, B09598 18/1902, November - December 1902*]

Her will, included in her probate file, reads as follows:

Done at the home of Mrs. M.E. Strang, in Yale District of B.C., this 19th day of July 1902.

Know all men by these present that I M.E. Strang of the above mentioned, do hereby will and bequeath my right & title to my pre-emption Land Claim in Yale District Osoyoos division of B.C., No 3352 being the No of Record to the same, to my son D.S. Strang his heirs & assigns to possess & to hold forever. Together with my personal property consisting of articles of raiment, jewelry, Improvement fund script (issued by the Kansas Sinalva Investment Co.), together with capital stock, this being my will & covenant.

Sig. [Signed] Mrs M.E. Strang

Wit. [Witnesses] H.deC.deLatour

Nathan Shannon Marshall

In the County Court of Yale Holden at Vernon.

In the goods of Mary Eliza Strang, deceased.

On November 14, 1902, Dare Stanley Strang appeared before the County Court of Yale at Vernon and made the following declaration regarding his mother's estate:

I, Dare Stanley Strang of West Bank on the West side of Okanagan Lake in the County of Yale make oath and say, -

1 – I knew Mary Eliza Strang of West bank on the West side of Okanagan Lake in the County of Yale, when alive, and that the said Mary Eliza Strang was resident at West bank aforesaid, and that the said Mary Eliza Strang died at West bank aforesaid being within the territorial limits of this Court, on or about

the 4th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and two; that I was present when the deceased departed this life and I saw her dead body after death.

2 – The personal estate and effects of said deceased which she in anyway died possessed of or entitled to, and for and in respect of which probate of her last Will and Testament is to be granted, are under the value of \$100.00 and real estate the value of which is under \$1000.00 to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

3 – The party entitled to take under the said Will is myself her lawful son and only child.

A petition for probate was granted to Dare Stanley Strang at Vernon, BC on December 9, 1902 by Judge William Ward Spinks. *[British Columbia Probate File: GR-1472 County Court (Vernon): Mary Eliza Strang, B09598 18/1902, November - December 1902]*

Dare Stanley Strang was born at Idaho Springs, Colorado, USA on July 15, 1871 or July 16, 1872. *[Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-005521] [1901 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale & Cariboo, Yale East; Page 3; Family 37]*

An article about Dare Strang appeared on page 3 of the Thursday, March 30, 1905 edition of the "Vernon News":

N.S. Marshall and D.S. Strang, of Westbank, spent a few days [in] the city last week.

The following article appeared in the "Westbank Notes" column of the Thursday, May 12, 1910 edition of the "Kelowna Courier and Okanagan Orchardist", page 3:

Mr. D.S. Strang, one of our earliest settlers, will leave the district shortly, probably for Victoria. His presence will be missed.



Westbank General Store, c1910

Kenny Tailyour is in the horse-drawn buggy. The store later became Drought's.

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Westbank, 1912
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The following article appeared in the Thursday, December 8, 1910 edition of the "Vernon News", page 8:

Mr. D.L. [S] Strang, who resided here [Westbank] for several years, and who is now located at Penticton, is carrying a very successful blacksmith business at that point.

Dare S. Strang was living in Penticton, BC in 1911. *[1911 Canada Census: British Columbia, Yale and Cariboo, Penticton; Page 13; Family 151]*

Strang, Dare S 38 years old born USA immigrated 1898 French Quaker blacksmith

Dare Stanley Strang married Mary Rachel Dean at Penticton, BC on June 20, 1912. She was 30 years old, born in Manchester, England. Her parents were Enoch and Martha Dean. Her religion was Church of England and Dare's was Quaker. *[Marriage Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B11384, Registration #1912-09-139516]*

Dare Stanley Strang and Mary Rachel Dean had one child, Frederick Stanley Strang, born in Canada in 1913. In August 1913, the family moved to Tonasket, Washington. Dare Strang was 41 years old and a blacksmith. Rachel was 39 and son Frederick S. was 4 months old. Shannon Marshall and family, pioneers of Westbank and friends of the Strang family, had settled near Tonasket the previous year. *[Border Crossings: From Canada to U.S., 1895 - 1954]*

In the 1920 US Census, the Strang family was living in Washington State. [1920 US Census: Washington, Okanogan, Beeman; Roll T625_1934; Image 160; Page 4B, Family 49]

Strang, S. Dare	47 years old	born Colorado	father born NY	mother born Canada	dairy farmer
Strang, R. Mary	45 years old	born England	parents both born in England		
Strang, F. Stanley	6 years old	born Canada	father born Colorado	mother born England	

Dare Strang and his wife Mary and son Frederick moved back to British Columbia in 1921. They were listed in the 1921 Canada Census in Engen, BC near Vanderhoof. Their property was the NE ¼, Section 20, Township 13, Range 5. [1921 Canada Census: British Columbia, Cariboo, Vanderhoof; Page 28]

Strang, Dare Stanley	49 years old	born USA	immigrated 1921	Quaker	farmer
Strang, Mary Rachel	44 years old	born England	immigrated 1921	Church of England	
Strang, Frederick Stanley	8 years old	born England [BC]	immigrated 1921	Church of England	

Dare Stanley Strang died at Vanderhoof, BC on April 4, 1961 age 89. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-005521]

Mary Rachel Strang (nee Dean) died at Essondale Hospital in Coquitlam, BC on February 22, 1962 age 87. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13255, Registration #1962-09-003321]

Both Dare and Mary Strang are buried at Vanderhoof, BC. [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13251, Registration #1961-09-005521] [Death Registration: BC Vital Statistics Microfilm #B13255, Registration #1962-09-003321]

No further information about Frederick Stanley Strang has been located.

References to other people named Strang have been located in early Vernon and Kelowna newspapers. It is not known if they were related to Mary Eliza Strang or her son Dare Stanley Strang.

"Vernon News", Thursday, October 14, 1909, page 6, reported that, "W. Strang has erected a school-house on his townsite lot which will be used for school purposes until the Government sees fit to build a permanent one." This article was included in the column "Westbank Notes". It is not known if "W. Strang" was related to "E. Mary Strang".

"Orchard City Record", Thursday, February 10, 1910, page 4, reported, "A most enjoyable dance was held last Friday in Strang's hall, at the townsite [Westbank], under the able management of J. Strang and W. Allan."

"Orchard City Record", Thursday, April 28, 1910, page 1, referred to a J. Strang who "disposed of his twenty-acre lot at the townsight [townsite], for the handsome sum of \$9000."

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Okanagan Lake, c1905
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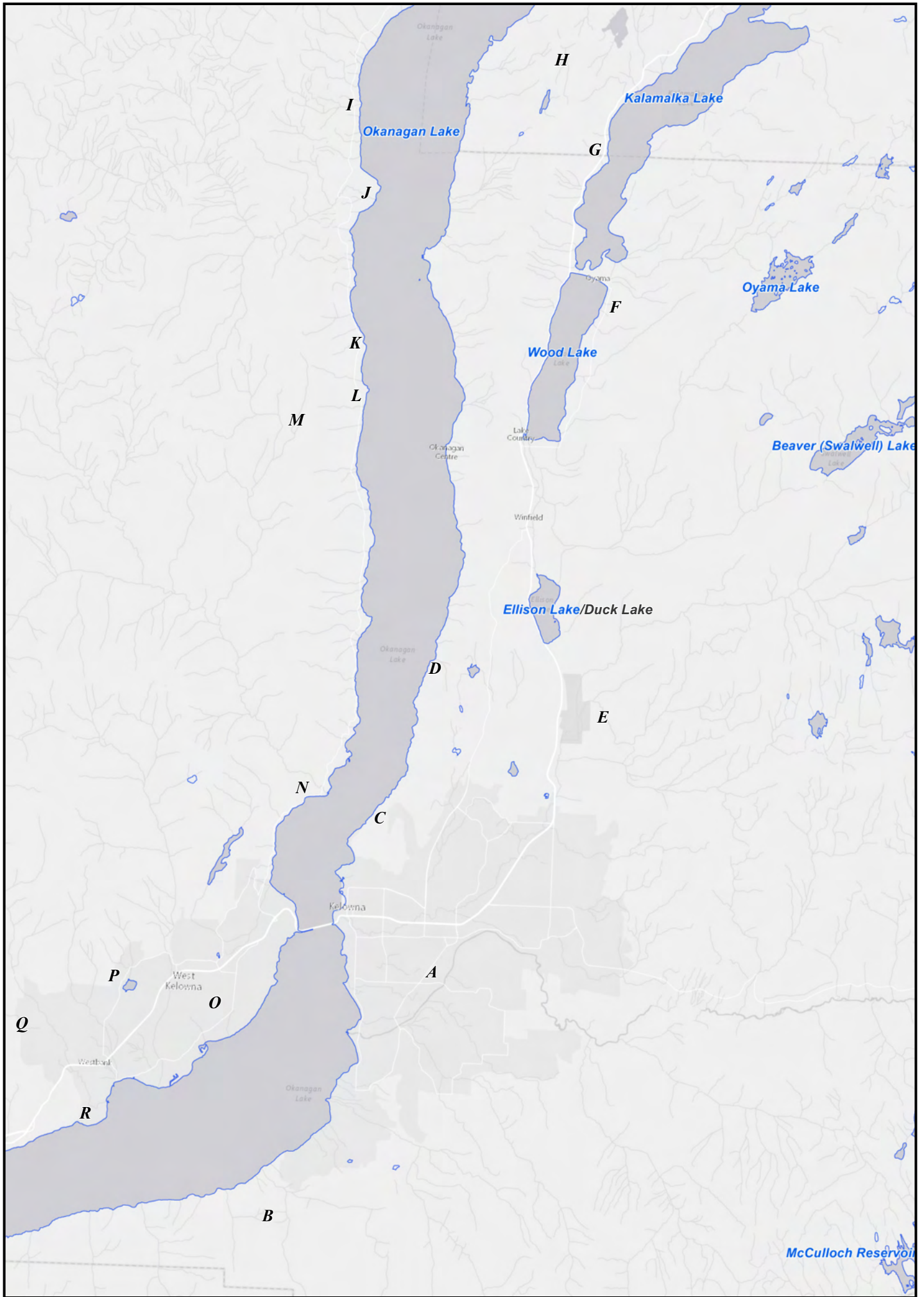
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